

BOROUGH OF GIRARDVILLE

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Reorganization & Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** January 2, 2018 **TIME:** 7:30 pm

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Joseph Catizone Jr.

Mayor Catizone administered the oath of office to all newly elected Borough officials prior to the meeting. Duly sworn were, Council members Michael Huss and Fredrick McDonald. Certificate of Election are on file. The Mayor chaired the meeting for purposes of reorganizing.

OPEN MEETING

ROLL CALL

Members present: Robert Krick, Dan Heiser, Mike Huss, Mayor Joseph Catizone Jr., Charles Marquardt, and Fredrick McDonald.

Members absent: Attorney Christopher Riedlinger.

The floor was opened for nominations.

Nomination opened for Council President. Motion to nominate R. Krick made by D. Heiser, second M. Huss. Vote. All. Motion carried.

The Mayor passed the chair to R. Krick.

Nominations opened for Vice-President. Motion to nominated C. Marquardt made by R. Krick, second M. Huss. No other nominations. Voted. All. Motion carried.

Nomination for Secretary/Treasurer. Motion to appoint Candice Squires made by C. Marquardt, second D. Heiser. On the Question. R. Krick, I think we should take a roll call vote on these nominations. C. Marquardt, do you want to go back to the beginning? D. Heiser, we already voted on those. R. Krick, well from here on down. Secretary/Treasurer? C. Marquardt, we did that.

Nomination for Borough Solicitor. Motion to appoint Christopher Riedlinger made by C. Marquardt, second by M. Huss. Voice vote. All. Motion carried.

Nomination for Chairman of the Vacancy Board. Motion to appoint Vytus Karavage. Motion made by C. Marquardt, seconded by F. McDonald. Voice vote. All. Motion carried.

Nomination for the Bank Depository. Motion to use Miners Bank a Division of Mid Penn made by C. Marquardt, second by D. Heiser. No other nominations. Voice vote. All. Motion carried.

Nomination for Code enforcement Officer. Motion to appoint Bill (William) Killian III made by D. Heiser, second by M. Huss. Question? R. Krick, isn't he an hourly employee now? D. Heiser, he's salary. No other nominations. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Nomination for Permit Officer. Question? D, Heiser, I Jean Ann still interested in Permit Officer? C. Marquardt, yes. Motion to appoint Jean Ann Parfitt made by D. Heiser, second by F. McDonald. No other nominations. Voice Vote D. Heiser, yes. Robert Krick, no. M. Huss, yes. C. Marquardt, sustained from voting. F. McDonald, yes. Motion carried.

Nomination for Engineer. Motion to appoint Donald Cuff, Entech Engineering, Inc. made by C. Marquardt, second D. Heiser. Question? None. No other nominations. Voice Vote. All. Motion carried.

Nomination for Sewer Enforcement Officer. Motion to appoint Larson Design Group made by C. Marquardt, second M. Huss. Question? None. No other nominations. Voice Vote All. Motion carried.

Nomination for Environmental Certifying officer – usually Council President. Motion to appoint R. Krick made by C. Marquardt, second D. Heiser. No other nominations . Voice Vote. All. Motion carried.

Nomination for Fire Chief. Motion to appoint F. Zangari made by C. Marquardt, second M. Huss. No other nominations. Voice Vote. All. Motion carried.

Nomination for outside permit enforcement. Motion to appoint Building Inspections Underwriters, Inc. outside permit enforcement made by C. Marquardt, second M. Huss. No other nominations. Voice Vote. All. Motion carried.

Nomination for the Tax Collection Committee. Motion to appoint M. Huss representative, and F. McDonald alternate made by D. Heiser, second C. Marquardt. No other nominations. Voice Vote. All. Motion carried.

Organization of Committees R. Krick, previously who was appointing the committees the President of Council? C. Marquardt, yes. R. Krick, that's at my discretion I would rather hold off and just express a list of Committees should be put in the Borough Office. All the Council members interested to run you know sign your name to that committee then we can decide. So if somebody has a real interest then maybe sit on that committee rather then deciding to throw somebody on a committee they have absolutely no interest. D. Heiser made the motion to keep the committees the same until next meeting seconded by

M. Huss. R. Krick, question Joe is not going to be on. D. Heiser, Fred can take over the ones that Joe was on. Motion to amend the prior motion to reflect Fredrick McDonald take the place of Joe Kessler on the committees made by D. Heiser, seconded by M. Huss. Voted all. Motion carried.

Request by Secretary/Treasurer to have the 2017 books audited by the Deegan Corp made by C. Marquardt, second M. Huss. Question? R. Krick, is there a number as to how much that is. C. Squires, I believe the same as this past year \$4,000.00 R. Krick, \$1,000? C. Squires, \$4,000.00 Voice Vote. All. Motion carried.

List of regular bills pre-approved to be paid monthly, quarterly submitted. Motion to approve the list for regular payment made by C. Marquardt, second D. Heiser. C. Marquardt, normal bills there is nothing out of the ordinary its just in case we don't have a meeting or something like that. That is the reason why we have the pre-paid bill list. And to void finance charges. Question? Heath Ressler, the bills on this list this sheet. D. Heiser, its not that list. R. Krick, I think it should be made available. D. Heiser, read out the pre-approved bill list. Voted. All. Motion carried.

R. Krick, Opened the meeting to the public comment on the Agenda.

James Petusky, what's the need for a Permit Officer? You got Filiziani the Code Enforcement could delegate that work. The Permit Officer can't really do anything what just a permit for dumpsters? D. Heiser, dumpsters and excavation. J. Petusky, can't Filiziani do that why do you need an extra body here. You have a Secretary that can fax paperwork back and forth to Filiziani to put his hand in the money jar. You don't really need her you people need to think about this. You have no idea what she is doing. I seen her one night at 7:30 at night in the Seniors Room with the lights on looking out the window while I was here. Why is Jean Ann Parfitt in the Seniors Room 7:30 at night I was recycling and she was staring out the window. Does she have any business doing that staring out the window as a Permit Officer? I don't think so. R. Krick, what's the salary involved there? Is there a salary or commission. C. Squires, Just a commission. J. Petusky, the UCC can delegate anything to Bill Killian its really simple. R. Krick, its something to talk about. Mary Beth Dougherty, what is the roll over for the end of the year? There is no Treasurers Report tonight what is the balance the carry over? C. Squires, you profited a little over \$2,000 and you have around \$18,000 in your General Fund. R. Krick, we have \$18,000 in the General Fund. C. Squires, as of today. R. Krick, and that is including? C. Squires, a profit of \$2,000. R. Krick, that's what I'm not understanding that's Greek to me to be quite honest I'm not sure how that is set up. \$18,000 in the bank as of now. C. Squires, yes in that one account. D. Heiser, then there's also that other \$8,000. R. Krick, in the other account is \$8,000 in the PLGIT account ok. M. B. Dougherty, what is the PLIGIT account is that the money at the State? R. Krick, no that's the money at Miners Bank. M. B. Dougherty, why is it called PLGIT if it's not with the State? R. Krick, its not a PLIGIT account. M. B. Dougherty, why isn't it in the General Fund? If it's a capital investment account why not just put it all in the PLGIT in estate or put it in the General Fund. R. Krick, I don't know why its segregated to be quite honest with you. There's also a Permit account right? C. Squires, yes. R. Krick, and it's a separate fund? C. Squires, yes. M.B. Dougherty, the permit fund was stated when the

UCC went into effect. That was UCC money. So that it was always there to pay money to the BIU and the State. R. Krick, that should only be UCC money that should only be permits. R. Krick, we have \$18,000 in the General plus we have \$9000 in the PLGIT account at Miners that's \$27,000 and \$4,000 in the Permit account is that accurate. C. Squires, sounds about right you have the Profit and Loss sheet I gave you. R. Krick, I'll be quite honest with you I don't understand it. I never seen one before. M.B. Dougherty, so the roll over is about? J. Catizone Jr., 32. M. B. Dougherty, why so much in the permit account? R. Krick, that is the question. I don't know. I think there got to be a discussion on bank accounts. President of Council at this point. I honestly think this meeting should not go on that there should be a work session and there's got to be some decisions made like bank accounts Police car, Police Radio, all those accounts should be wiped off basically showing a couple of accounts. We can go ahead with it as long as that's what Council wants to do but I personally think we should have a work session and hash out a couple of things before we vote on it honestly. I don't know how anyone else feels about it. D. Heiser, this was a re-organization meeting our regular meeting would be the 11th work session on the ninth. R. Krick, I can't dictate that I don't think but I would make that suggestion. There is a whole bunch of stuff that we got to figure out. Edna Labie, you should have another meeting this month. Instead of waiting February 8th. R. Krick, I understand and my suggestion is that we do our regular January meeting. D. Heiser, why don't we just do that? Have our work session Tuesday and our meeting at 11. M. B. Dougherty, don't forget you got to advertise. R. Krick, is that a motion? I'd like to have a Treasurer report. J. Catizone Jr., is the 13th an option for everybody? R. Krick, for a work session? J. Catizone Jr., work session yes. D. Heiser, so all of Council would be available. Then have our meeting on the 18th. C. Squires, that's GAMA's meeting. J. Catizone Jr., can we do the 16th? M. B. Dougherty, one big happy meeting. R. Krick, we'll have a joint meeting. J. Catizone Jr., work session on the 13th meeting on the 16th? C. Marquardt, I can do Saturday I can't do the meeting. J. Catizone Jr., Freddy what would work for you? F. McDonald, don't matter I'll work around it and figure it out. M. B. Dougherty, is the normal 2nd Thursday bad? J. Catizone Jr., you mean the 11th? D. Heiser, the problem is and we discussed this at a work session last year having work sessions usually on a Tuesday night but with Charlie working 2nd shift and having all of Council involved once a quarter or so having a work session on a Saturday so all of Council can be available for work sessions. J. Catizone Jr., if it's a special meeting can we do a work session on the 13th and Council meeting on the 20th? C. Marquardt, why can't you both on the same day? M. B. Dougherty, shake it up a bit. R. Krick, you mean on a Saturday? C. Marquardt, you can do a work session in the morning and then a meeting in the evening. J. Catizone Jr., work session 5-7 then a meeting at 7. C. Marquardt, you can do a work session in the morning if it's free for everybody or later and then do a meeting two hours later from the work session. C. Marquardt, you can set the work session up for 10 O'clock on the 13th and then have the Council meeting at 1 O'clock 2 O'clock. If that's ok with everybody we can do that. C. Squires, I can't. C. Marquardt, you can't? C. Squires, no I already have plans for the 13th. C. Marquardt, alright so if I can get somebody. M. Huss, didn't we have Jean Ann sit on the floor before and do the minutes? C. Marquardt, if Jean Ann will sit in and do the minutes yeah. J. Catizone Jr., so we're set for the 13th? Does somebody want to make the motion? It's not my call. R. Krick, its Council's call. I think the two should a good way to do it simple because it stays the same to what previously been done. It's up to Council. I make the suggestion because there is a whole bunch of things. M. Huss, next week the 9th and the

11th. R. Krick, somebody has to make that motion. J. Catizone Jr., the only way we are going to be able to do this is on Saturday to have everybody. The fairest way to do this to make sure everybody has a say. Does Saturday at 5 O'clock work? Are you good for 5? C. Marquardt, Saturday for the meeting? J. Catizone Jr., the work session then have the 7 O'clock Council meeting is that good for everybody. R. Krick, I think the work session should give it three hours. I have a lot to discuss. J. Catizone Jr., so say 4 O'clock to 7. It's up to you guys I'm just trying to mediate here. You guys could start at 4 O'clock I wouldn't get here until 5.

Motion to suspend meeting until work session on Saturday the 13th at 4 O'clock and have regular monthly meeting for January same date the 13th at 7pm made by D. Heiser, seconded by M. Huss. Question, None. Voted all. Motion carried.

Motion to advertise meetings made by M. Huss, seconded by F. McDonald. Voted all. Motion carried.

J. Catizone Jr., one other thing can we get a motion to advertise for a Police Officer immediately. Knowing Officer Clinton will be leaving in two weeks. C. Marquardt, the meeting is closed. D. Heiser, meeting is closed. C. Marquardt, meeting is closed you'll have to do it the 13th. R. Krick, lets do that. J. Catizone Jr., I'm sorry I didn't realize the meeting was closed.

R. Krick, anybody have anything? Go ahead.

James Petusky, this past summer I had a lot of volunteers around here. Almost all the work the Borough workers should have done. What is going on with the Street Department? I cut trees away from the Street light over here. I trimmed the trees here by the stop sign up here. Down town by the Rangers Bridge me, Angie Butler, and her husband swept the deck and everything. Me and my Dad up at the Line Street park we cut out all of those weeds out of there. I had other people help me with the park over there. Michelle helped, Rob helped me, Joe helped me. Why isn't the Borough workers doing anything? I mean I was over here at the recycling center the other day I swept it. They don't shovel bridges anymore they don't shovel properties. They watched us over here for two hours when we were at the park the one day. You can't miss them wearing lime green shirts on. Why does this town pay people to do nothing? D. Heiser, see. J. Petusky, there is so much ground Danny to do the Streets it's easy. D. Heiser, to say they are doing nothing isn't fair. You know it's not fair to say they are doing nothing. J. Petusky, They are the Street Dept they sit in this garage why am I out doing something they should do. I showed Robbie some nuts and bolts on these playgrounds. The chain broke worn through bolts are ready to brake. Down here at this park this park I'm on my porch I can here squeak squeak squeak for three fucking years. What it was the bolts were loose the holes are worn out you telling those guys can't buy that stuff? There's no Dan. D. Heiser, I am going to stick up for them you can't say that they aren't doing nothing. J. Petusky, my dad did the job I did the job it's easy. So much is going on with neglect on their part. At the school steps are broken. Me and Michelle painted the rail up there. We painted the flag pole there. Why aren't they out cleaning stuff up? They sit in this garage all the time. I seen them. I seen them out Ashland driving around. They be in this garage and they shouldn't be in this garage. What are they doing? What did they do today? What did they do today anybody? Health Ressler, based on what Jim said you guys are management. D. Heiser, that's what I was getting ready to say it's are fault. That is a

reflection of our it's our fault. H. Ressler, I understand Jim is a little upset with things. My concern is you guys are management you guys are the ones to be inspecting the parks and telling the Street Department what to do. It's not up to the Street Department to go buy this stuff. So bitching at the Street Dept employees is pathetic. You have piss poor to bitch at them. It's not their job to do your job, it's your job to do your job. That's why you guys were elected to be up there. To sit here and pick apart employees like that is an embarrassment to this community. J. Petusky, you pay tax money for what? M. B. Dougherty, I can yes you ultimately are responsible but somebody who was here for 20 years and I seen a wide range of employees. I disagree that it is piss poor dissing employees to just wait for something to be done. There is something called initiative and just as an example of that. The light bulb out in that vestibule had been out for the last Council meeting. It's called initiative. H. Ressler, wait a minute here what about the six guys up front. M.B. Dougherty, I don't disagree seriously your going to tell me the light bulbs burns out at work. H. Ressler, what about the six guys up front. M. B. Dougherty, you're going to tell me I have to wait for my boss to come in and tell me to change it seriously. H. Ressler, I'm not saying that. All those guys walked through the same door. M. B. Dougherty, Seriously. I don't disagree. H. Ressler, instead of sitting and picking on employees, their management. Management is the first in the chain. R. Krick, we gave one employee a reasonably high increase of pay. H. Ressler, I understand that. R. Krick, to be what management. M. B. Dougherty, your right there is a supervisor. R. Krick, to be supervisor. I'm not making any excuses. I'm just saying the light bulb that should never happen. That shouldn't be mentioned. M. B. Dougherty, there at the floor there is cob webs and crap in here this is basic work. Any employee at any job should know its part of you job. H. Ressler, when you made him manager was there a list of job descriptions that goes along with this management position? D. Heiser, if I was both of them I would quite. For what they get paid and the abuse they take from people I would quite. (To many talking at once can not make out who is saying what). M. B. Dougherty, it's like the cops around here their here to work they get great ass salary get off your ass and do the job. (to many talking at once again can not make out who saying what) M. B. Dougherty, change the damn light bulb. (to many talking at once). Edna Labie, I have no problem with the Borough workers doing their job. When I come over here for Seniors some of that receptacle work I just tell them about it. D. Heiser, they get an unfair rap. J. Catizone Jr., some of the things we were trying to review when we opened the Code Enforcement position (Edna still talking while Mayor is speaking) was a list of job descriptions and those things that came to. I agree with that position there should be some sort of itinerary for the day to day operations, weekly, monthly operations. D. Heiser, that will be addressed. Street department will all be addressed. J. Petusky, the storm drain up at Balky's that's been claspings all summer. Down by Danny Kelly's house there's a cover put on it that don't fix it. Down by Kessler's house there is a drain packed with dirt. Weeds going out of it that's been down there all summer. There is two or three drains down town packed solid. Drain down at Rob's going all over with weeds. They don't pick up leaves anymore Danny. They only go around and pick up ashes and then they throw them down on the Street for us to clean up. You don't put ashes on black streets does nothing except make a mess. Put it on the hill when it's slippery. Drive around throw the ashes ok we're done for the day guys let's go get a quart. It's terrible you guys should be ashamed of yourselves the way this town is turning. I never should have to make Lowes come down to this playground. I did that myself and it cost six hundred dollars restore that park over there. I did everything. I cut trees, I swept Streets, cleaned

the drain to make the drain work. The drain was put in to high for water to go down. I did that myself. Why isn't somebody going around town doing stuff? Everybody in here pays their taxes for your employees to clean up this town? They're not doing nothing standing in this doorway. I see them all the time Danny like this with their green shirts on you can't miss them. You need account ability. D. Heiser, your right and that's our fault it's not theirs. J. Petusky, it is I know you say that all the time. Guess what their not doing nothing. You guys just sit here and let the town turn to shit. R. Krick, something we'll try to address. J. Petusky, also we were working at the playground there me and Joe went to get a old ride out of there. A four seated spring rider that broke shortly after the first park was put in and me and Joey going to a spring shop to get it fixed and we need other parts. So Joe and I asked the Borough workers about the spring rider and say we have nothing. I'd like to know where the spring rider got to. It's a five hundred dollar ride. Put under that school ten years ago and it's gone. Why wouldn't they give Joe the key to look for it? J. Catizone Jr., I was just told things weren't underneath there I didn't ask for the key. J. Petusky, if I want a ride where did it go? Five hundred bucks did they scrap it? There should be those a horse, a dolphin, a aluminum castle that should be over there under that school. R. Krick, they used to be in the bottom basement. J. Petusky, they used to be right. Some of these accusations someone should be hold accountable for what the Borough has too. There's stuff that disappear. I can tell you Rob I know Donnie Becker got three storm drains to cash in for a company doing the drains in town. They came to the Borough and him and Jimmy cashed in. D. Heiser, unless you know that they did that I don't think you should publicly. J. Petusky, we'll they told me that Donnie did. D. Heiser, Donnie too but you just said him and Jimmy to cash in. You're not accusing Mike and Jimmy you meant Donnie and Jimmy? J. Petusky, yeah. They did that at West end the drains down there the roads. D. Heiser, the thing we haven't discussed the storm drains in great length. That's going to be an expense, that what you say clean them out. I forget the one they did clean out and it clasped. The storm box themselves are shot. J. Petusky, guess what Danny I had four of them over there, you clean up, you pour cement in there. There you go they are fixed. These guys don't want to fix anything. I can tell you Danny. Look at this building anymore. There was a pile of junk out here the other day, there's pallets lying against the building, and there is buckets lying out there. It's your Borough hall show some pride in it. Clean that up. I already stopped here in the summer time where your sign is out here. I pulled out two buckets of weeds out here. They can't pull the weeds out. You need to get them under control you need accountability. Be proactive not reactive you can't sit around waiting for something to happen. D. Heiser, that will be addressed. J. Petusky, you have to take care of stuff. Your not going to have a clean town until you guys clean it up. It looks like a dump it's going to get treated like a dump. I mean Danny. I worked on my sidewalk last summer near my garden. I worked on my corner shoveled buckets of dirt. I got fifteen buckets off that corner. Who's supposed to clean that up not the people that live here? We pay two guys who is supposed to clean our town up. There is no reasons for people to go around doing that stuff. R. Krick, I think those issues will be taken into consideration. M. B. Dougherty, now hopefully there are new faces up there and hopefully the new group seems clean so hopefully you will.

Teresa Krick, I notice the garage container of there. There is plastic bottles and aluminum cans near the recycling containers of there. R. Krick, ok.

Heath Ressler, before the Borough calls it quits is the Borough stuck with giving money to this Land Bank every year or can you pull out? R. Krick, yep and we are not

gong to pull out. I can only speak for myself. D. Heiser, we agreed for five years. I actually just tomorrow is the first meeting. Girardville had no representation on the Lank Bank and the last Land Bank meeting there was two terms up and I was appointed to a three year term for the Land Bank. So Girardville will have representation on their end. Actually it was the 19th I believe it's the 24th now. The people who had been here that looked at properties before are coming in again. And we are going to be with them and the Land Bank just closed last month on the first building I think Minersville. The first building they bought rehabbed and sold. We do want to get Girardville more involved on Land Banking they are coming here to look at some properties. Possibly in the area that they are talking about focusing on in the beginning is where the new construction is going on down town. Where the new town houses are that section of town to rehab there and get back on the Tax rolls. I believe this is our third year of the five year agreement. H. Ressler, my question is at five years and the Borough doesn't get anything are you going to continue with this? Or consider seriously putting the money for Borough where it's needed? D. Heiser, that's predict two years from now. I mean if we have nothing in two years I know I might think different yes. I don't think that's going to be. I believe you're going to see something done before you don't. R. Krick, I honestly think that it looks like the future of any renovations all the money is going to go through the Land Bank. H. Ressler, I understand that but right now we're pissing in the wind hoping to get something in town. R. Krick, they came here quick to look and they did look believe me. D. Heiser, we did loose a property once that they really involved in. R. Krick, yeah we dropped the ball. D. Heiser, they looked actually right down the Street from you. Probably by now that would have been three apartments by now. R. Krick, its not like they haven't been here. D. Heiser, the Land Bank wants to come to this town and have a presence in Girardville as much as we want them too. I believe they will.

C. Marquardt, the Christmas lights in the Borough they're not going to be taking them down this Saturday. They are going to be postponed until the weather gets a little bit better. I got a call from Todd Selgrade today to cancel anything until the weather breaks. Until it gets a little warmer so everybody knows. We'll post it and have it out on the Street and at the Borough Hall when the time will be.

Respectfully submitted,
Candice Squires
Secretary/Treasurer

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OPEN MEETING

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

ROLL CALL

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA: No Comment was made.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

Minutes: Motion to accept the minutes from last month and the previous meeting made by D. Heiser seconded by F. McDonald. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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

Tax Collector's report: Motion to accept the report and pay the tax collector made by C. Marquardt, seconded by F. McDonald. Vote. All. Motion carried. On the question R. Krick, the seconded Annetta is that the totals for the year? Annetta Whitecavage, one is for the end of the month for December that should reimbursement and there is the final signs off for the whole year. R. Krick, ok. A. Whitecavage, that's why there are two.

Mayor's report: No Report this meeting. J. Catizone Jr., I apologize to the public. I'll get one next month to everybody and recap December sorry about that.

Permit Officer's report: No Report this meeting.

Code Enforcement report: No Report this meeting.

Fire Chief's report: Motion to accept the report as submitted made by C. Marquardt, seconded by F. McDonald. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Magistrates Report: Total amount collected \$1,739.13.

BILLS

Motion to approve the bill list as submitted and read was made by D. Heiser, seconded by F. McDonald. Vote. All. Motion carried. On the question. R. Krick, is that from General fund to school fund transfer? C. Squires, yes that was before we received the donation.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. American Power and Gas rates R. Krick, we went into not a fixed rate but been paying a monthly rate. So Danny is going to check into that in the next couple of days. So we'll decide which way to go with that.
- b. Letter from Schuylkill Firefighters' Financial Development Organization. R. Krick, looking for a donation to the Fire School.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Resolution 2018-1 Tax Anticipation Note. **Motion** to accept Resolution 2018-1 made by D. Heiser, seconded by C. Marquardt. Vote all. Motion carried.
- b. Letter from Girardville St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee. **Motion** to allow permission to hold the parade made by C. Marquardt, seconded by D. Heiser. Vote all. Motion carried.
- c. Letter from Jack Kehoe's Hibernian House., Inc. **Motion** to give permission to extend Liquor License on March 24th 2018 at the St. Patrick's Day parade made by D. Heiser, seconded by C. Marquardt. Vote all. Motion carried.
- d. Letter from Bernie Adams about vending machine permit. **Motion** to send letter of approval made by D. Heiser, seconded by F. McDonald. Voted all. Motion carried.
- e. Letter from Hans Deibler Jr. Owner of Bar on Seconded Street asking permission to make a parking lot purchase 201 and 205 N. Seconded Street and a third next to 205 does not have an address. Will clean up debris on 205 N. Seconded by February. Council Tabled decision about the exit for driveway until they can have a meeting with Mr. Deibler. D. Heiser, will call to arrange a meeting.
- f. Letter from Molesevich Environmental, LLC report for SCA property 118 W. Main Street. Report indicates they have obtained compliance.
- g. Application for Homestead/Farmstead exclusions on 25 S. John ST. Motion to fill out application made by D. Heiser, seconded by C. Marquardt. Voted all. Motion carried.
- h. Approval for Costars Salt August 2018- July 2019 season registration to participate. 22-44 tons of Salt. C. Marquardt, table until next month until we can talk to Mike or Jimmy we have until the 15th of March. D. Heiser, we also have a certain amount of time to get the salt for next winter. Next year right? C. Marquardt, yes we have to get one and then get the other one behind it otherwise we pay a fee for storage.
- i. 2018 Meetings will be Seconded Thursday of every month. Work session will be Tuesday at 6pm Except for March 3rd which is a Saturday at 5:30pm. June 09th Saturday at 5:30pm and September 08th Saturday at 5:30pm. The other ones will be Tuesday before meeting at 6 O'clock. Motion to advertise 2018 Meetings made by D. Heiser, seconded by F. McDonald. Voted all. Motion carried.

- j. Approval for the annual Fire Chief agreement and a rate at \$1.00 per day. R. Krick, we wanted to look at it. D. Heiser, look at it maybe add a few things. Nothing major but we also talked about maybe the possibility of having a Borough Appointed Assistant Chief. It's a volunteer organization and nobody is around 24hrs a day. So in the Chief's absents somebody who is appointed by the Borough to perform his duties. Tabled until next meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Flyers and magazines
- b. Notice Meeting January 24th at 7pm Northern Schuylkill Council of Government hosted by Gordon Borough. (Fire House)
- c. County Waste effective January 01, 2018 the waste disposal fee at Northern Schuylkill Transportation will increase to \$67.00 per ton. R. Krick, what was it before? Does anybody know? C. Marquardt, \$62.50. R. Krick, ok so it just gone up a couple of bucks.
- d. Pen Tele Data increase. R. Krick, they are not going to carry that service. C. Squires, no longer carry that service they want to bump us up which makes the price bump up. \$64.90 with tax/fees. R. Krick, is there an agreement that has to be signed? C. Squires, yes you're holding it. R. Krick, this says \$59. C. Squires, and tax. That's what we were at. R. Krick, that's why I'm confused the letter says \$54.00 and the monthly recurring fees \$59.00. A. Whitecavage, the base fee. R. Krick, maybe we need a motion to re-enter into contract with Pen Tele Data \$74.90. Motion to re-enter agreement made by C. Marquardt, seconded by D. Heiser. Voted all. Motion carried.

COMMITTEES

Police: Dan Heiser, Fred McDonald

Street: Dan Heiser, Rob Krick

School Building: Fred McDonald, Dan Heiser

Finance: Mike Huss, Rob Krick.

Building: Fred McDonald, Charlie Marquardt

Personnel: Fred McDonald, Charlie Marquardt

Code/QofL: D. Heiser, Rob Krick

Recreation: Fred McDonald, D. Heiser. R. Krick, we thought about maybe adding citizens on that committee Park and Recreation committee. So maybe next month if you talk around and here anybody who might be interested in serving like an advisory roll with suggestions on that committee if they could just drop their name off at the Borough Hall and we would consider. That way we would have some input from people who use the facilities and what they think what should be done with them.

Recycling: Charlie Marquardt, Mike Huss

Landfill: Rob Krick representative

Cog: Dan Heiser representative

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R. Krick, we are going to form a committee called Public Safety to deal with Fire Companies Police. D. Heiser, Police and Ambulances. Two or three people from each thing to get together and hash out any issues or problems. Anything we can do to help them. R. Krick, we're going to try and arrange a meeting with two representatives from each organization to come. Two people from each organization have a meeting to coordinate things for Parade and other things. J. Catizone Jr., we're on the same page in case of special events coming up anything like that. It would be nice to all get together in a room and talk.

OTHER BUSINESS:

R. Krick, we discussed this at the work shop was purchasing cameras and the ability to look at the recycling center and the building. Maybe we could motion somebody to be the contact for the price. D. Heiser, we just talked about that in there. Charlie had a really good idea could call Dynamark they do that. C. Marquardt, think we could get it for the recycling center and the island over here for the people that throw stuff when the gates up. Probably the parks down town, the Little League field and the building. J. Catizone Jr., the Basketball courts probably. C. Marquardt, you should contact Dynamark Security have them come in and give us an idea of costs and see if there is anybody else in the area if we're not satisfied with that. That would probably be the best way to see how it is all set up. How it's worked out what the fees are. D. Heiser, if nobody wants to do it I'll do it call on Monday. There was discussion about the recycling bin being full and cardboard in front of it. J. Petusky, talked about getting a Streetlight over at the recycling center. Michelle O'Connell, thoughts of closing the main gates. C. Marquardt, the County don't lock. Borough had locks on over the years. County takes them off and don't lock the gates. Edna Labie, you have to be able to catch somebody and fine them once you hit them in the pocket book. C. Marquardt, you should be able to shut the big gates with out putting locks on them put the cameras up. A. Whitecavage, their just going to through it over the fence. C. Marquardt, well if they do that we'll catch them on the camera. R. Krick, we got to get a camera system that's pretty good. C. Marquardt, you got to get one with sound and good picture on it. C. Squires, night vision. R. Krick, yeah they're not hard to get.

D. Heiser, at the work session we talked about sending a letter. Have our Solicitor to send a letter to Officer Lex to return the badge we had issued him that since he was no longer with us to return to us. **Motion** to allow Solicitor to draft a letter and send to our former Officer Lex to return our badge that is Borough property made by D. Heiser, seconded by C. Marquardt. Voted all. Motion carried.

D. Heiser, we put off last time about advertising for another part-time Police Officer. We lost one. J. Catizone Jr., we'll have one leaving this week so if we can get an advertisement out for part-time Police Officer position. R. Krick, do we have any standing applications? J. Catizone Jr., no I don't believe that there is any in there that's recent in the last thirty days sixty days that we hold them. C. Squires, no the other two are from 2015 both already have jobs and are not interested. J. Catizone Jr., and that's fine we interviewed a guys a few months ago and we feel he was a good candidate. E. Labie, how long do you hold the applications? J. Catizone Jr., sixty days. E. Labie, it seems like we're always advertising for part-time Policeman. Seems like that can be extended. C. Marquardt, we hold them for a year. **Motion** to advertise for Part-time police Officer made by D. Heiser, seconded by F. McDonald. Vote all. Motion carried.

D. Heiser, you see on social media about solicitor we used to have no soliciting signs on both corners of town. Would it be super expensive to get those put up again? J. Catizone Jr., I thought that we had approved that a few months ago. We approved it back in July I had asked to get them I don't think they were ever purchased. We got to get them up. I actually got a solicitor a few days ago. He didn't have a permit nothing so he was kind of banished. I'd like to have that up to cover our bases and not being able to say well you know you don't have a sign posted. D. Heiser, order them again and put them up. R. Krick, how many do we need? D. Heiser, four. R. Krick, seconded on the motion? D. Heiser, it was already approved. R. Krick, I just wanted to make sure. J. Catizone Jr., it was either July or August.

D. Heiser, I brought it up at the last meeting we had our discussion about the Street Dept. I'm going to do my best. We had talked about there is going to be a Street Committee report at every meeting. It is going to be a

detailed report. There is going to be more Council involvement with the Street Dept and I hope that corrects things and maybe these guys can get a break. I don't know personally I think their some of the stuff I don't think they deserve. We did the budget meeting this year we had budgeted fifty cent raise across the board. A fifty cent raise for Mike, Jimmy, and Candice. I would like to make the motion since we budgeted this year that they get their fifty cents an hour increase. **Motion** to approve fifty cents an hour increase made by D. Heiser D. O'Connell, who makes the call for snow removal? Like today's episode the roads are a mess. R. Krick, that's something that is going to be addressed. D. Heiser, that is going to be addressed. D. O'Connell, it took a while. R. Krick, I total agree with you and that was discussed this evening. D. Heiser, that was my fault I should have made the call. They came out later and I should have made the call for them to come out earlier at least salt the hills. Going forward that will be addressed. R. Krick, also we talked about a different type of snow removal plan one that are going to have priorities which will be emergency services and hills before we get into any clearing curb to curb. J. Petusky, you should give the Police Dept permission to be called out to. They are out driving around anyway. D. Heiser, Mike has been doing this for ten years. He shouldn't have to call someone at 2 in the morning and say is it ok that I go out. This one I should have called out on. J. Petusky, watch the weather then you'll know there is a possibility to be called out Saturday night.

Motion to give fifty cent raise to the Borough employees made by D. Heiser, seconded by C. Marquardt. R. Krick, request roll call vote. Charles Marquardt, yes, Fredrick McDonald, yes. D. Heiser, yes. Robert Krick, no. Voted. Motion carried.

D. Heiser, we talked about this too. It's not like we fabricated anything we are a company that builds things and lose production. Mary Beth you had talked about it before the reason they got so many holidays and their insurance got paid for it was back when you did that felt that it compensated for the low wages. Since over they years they now have co-pays their families don't get it. Just the base employee and somewhere along the line they took three days off of them. It's costing this Borough the same amount of money whether they're here and whether their not here. Those three days were taken away.

Motion to give President's day, Good Friday, and Columbus Day back has the holidays made by D. Heiser, seconded by C. Marquardt. On the question. R. Krick, I just want to make the point I think the people should know right now the Borough employee get seven weeks paid. Between sick pay, holiday, count the hours. Over ten years over 100 I'll be very precise I'm correct right. 34 days paid a year. D. Heiser, under ten hours is 84 that's personal and sick time that's what they accrue in the course of a year. Right Candice? 84 for under ten years and over ten years 104. C. Squires, ten years 144 but it is all vacation there is no more sick time or anything. R. Krick, it one big blob. It's 100 in blah blah hours. D. Heiser, its accrued hours at a certain amount they stop accruing I think they have written on that. You can not take a day off in ten years and have five years worth of vacation time. C. Squires, yea there is you loose your time. R. Krick, then you have one of the Borough Street workers that's ten years in gets 7 paid weeks off. I'll just make that point. J. Petusky that's almost two months. Annetta Whitecavage, break it down how many sick days do they get. R. Krick, they made it one big blob. A. Whitecavage, how many holidays? R. Krick, 11 right now. That's three more that's 14. Figure out the numbers are right. D. Heiser, you're here one year at 104 hours. C. Squires, at 144 hours it's 18 days vacation. D. Heiser, she gets 104 hours. A. Whitecavage, 104 hours. That's sick and vacation. Let's just call it paid time off right. I don't think 104 is very, an awful lot. R. Krick, 148 hours if I'm correct right. D. Heiser, for ten years 184. Five years 144. 104 for a year, 144 for five, 184 for ten. R. Krick, so 184 hours plus 11 Holidays now. Do the math is 34 days. J. Petusky, I have a suggestion for ya why not make them work 8hrs a day, not paid lunch, and give them the raise. C. Squires, I don't get paid lunch. R. Krick, there's a motion there's a seconded lets have another roll call vote. C. Squires, what did you change it too? D. Heiser, actually reinstating the 3days that was taken away a couple of years ago Presidents Day, Good Friday, and Columbus. A. Whitecavage, 104 hours is only 14 days a year that's two weeks. R. Krick, what's that? A. Whitecavage, 104 hours. R. Krick, but nobody falls in that category. D. Heiser, Candice. R. Krick, only maybe Candice. The Borough workers there here ten years. A. Whitecavage, ok how long do they get after 10 years? R. Krick, 184 iours guaranteed the math is 34 days. I've done it several times. C. Squires, one worker gets that much the other one don't. D. Heiser, Jimmy does. That's four and half weeks. R. Krick, we're at the point of the vote let's have the vote. **Roll call vote.** C. Marquardt, yes. Fredrick McDonald, yes. Dan Heiser, yes. Robert Krick, no.

M. B. Dougherty, what was the reason that they were taken away and why are they being given back? So tonight they got three holidays back plus a fifty cent an hour raise. I'm just figuring out what the reasons was for them to be taken away. D. Heiser, the raise was because they didn't get a raise in two years. M. B. Dougherty, yet again it should be a performance raise. I don't know if everybody up there thinks they are doing a stellar job. I personally don't. I have an issue with that I have an issue with performance. Um why pay somebody that was taken away supposedly to save money. So why do we feel the need to give it back to them? D. Heiser, you're not saving any money. M. B. Dougherty, but you're getting work out of it. You're supposed to be getting work out of it. Pay them not to work. Well that's what we kind of do now we pay them not to work. D. Heiser, I don't know why they were taken away I wasn't on here then so I can answer it. M. B. Dougherty, I don't know why I don't know what the reasoning was. D. Heiser, and from talking to them neither did they. They didn't really know the reason either. I was told they were all here on Good Friday. M. B. Dougherty, what was the reason for and why did they feel justified to just take them away? D. Heiser, I think that was Rick to be honest with you. C. Marquardt, I think Joe and Rick at the time they figured out a lot of people don't get those days off. They kind of just like capped it down. (To many talking at once) D. O'Connell, twenty four years with a company and I get thirty days off. These guys have ten and their getting 34 days off. J. Petusky, you know Danny I worked on these playgrounds that they neglected. I myself out of my own money, my time. 600 dollars for these two parks my money while your workers are sitting in the garage all because the Borough neglected that stuff. I took it on myself I was going to fix one swing. I ended up putting up chains and swings, paint, rebuilding seesaws. When the guys drove by they couldn't even pick up a fricken garbage can for six months. D. Heiser, none of us here can change the past and we said it at the last meeting. That was our fault. They do what we ask them to do. That is going to change. Teddy Semanchick, it's not their fault who ever is in charge of them should tell them what to do. D. Heiser, that's us. M. B. Dougherty, and again did not Council make Mike Soucheck the lead guy to some of those duties on and dictate what the work was going to be what was the point of that then? If you're going to say they follow direction of Council. I thought that was part of the job of lead man when he got the extra time. J. Petusky, I was never called out for snow. I know when to go out and what the weather was. I never really called unless it happened like an accident whatever. I called maybe Charlie or Rob I said hey this is happening lets get this fixed. It's your job show your guidelines your workers should be able to follow those guidelines. There here 10 years they shouldn't be told only if it's an emergency situation. They should know. Their on these Streets. D. Heiser, everything you say are all valid points but I just ask that give us a couple months. J. Petusky, the lead man knows what the guidelines are he takes his helper and he goes and do what he have to do. You don't need to be hands on Dan. Set up the guidelines if there is an emergency situation or something happens then you say hey guys. D. Heiser, that's just it there is no guidelines set. J. Petusky, sad part is that fence down there. It was damaged for years. I stopped at Lowe's and got a \$4 pack of wire ties. Took a tire iron bent that fence back up and tied it up it was good again. Them guys sit there for years. Me and Rob side fence was a hazard. All the posts were broken we had it wrapped around tied up. We took it down and put blocks in. I mean we shouldn't have to do it. They're here at the garage I see them every day. They don't need to be told here go out I got to fix this. They see it they should report to you and say hey I see something broken. They aren't even doing that for you guys. They need to say hey I see something. D. Heiser, we're going to change that going forward we can't change what happened before today. J. Petusky, their raise should be after their performance builds up. Not ahead of time. They already got their raise. R. Krick, the issue is over I mean we can argue about it but the raise is there. Holidays are there so the argument is really over.

PUBLIC COMMENT

James Petusky, can we get signs up here as well? J. Catizone Jr., the Welcome to Girardville sign? D. Heiser, did the Borough by them? J. Petusky, Scotty donated them with the money left over. D. Heiser, do you still know where they were bought where they were purchased from? J. Petusky, I don't know. You can get the aluminum ones for \$100. D. Heiser, I talked to Lou Ann about painting the one out here again retouching that. She hasn't gotten back to me. J. Petusky, I can give you the information the same place where you bought the

sign over here by the garage I can get you information 24X18's or something like that. Same place their pretty cheap. **Motion** to purchase a new Welcome to Girardville sign made by D. Heiser, seconded by F. McDonald. On the question. R. Krick, we don't have any idea how much? D. Heiser, let me motion to get a price on the sign get the best price. C. Marquardt, it can't be no more that \$200. **Motion** to purchase a new sign and not to exceed \$200.00 made by D. Heiser, seconded F. McDonald. Voted all. Motion carried.

J. Petusky, I have a question now about that \$4,000 in the Permit Fund. I have records from like 2016 pretty much non special permit issued a person didn't need. All that money in there from persons who did not need permits. People were getting permits door windows slid glass siding. R. Krick, the \$4000 in the account if I'm corrected was put there wasn't from those permits that was money from the water permit. J. Catizone Jr., it was the \$7000 water permit. J. Petusky, but the people who didn't need permits purchased permits that's what I'm asking. We have two people here Mary Beth and Wade got permits. Wade got a permit for his sidewalk he didn't needed. Mary Beth redid her bathroom that she got a permit she didn't need. R. Krick, I guess I got work and didn't need one. J. Petusky, what's should you look into that? D. Heiser, that was resolved I assume. J. Petusky, people look at it years ago all these permits or should I say non permits they are not needed here. D. Heiser, I'm pretty sure that money went into the General fund I would have to look into it. J. Petusky, why do they keep continuing some people got permits? D. Heiser, that was continuing from the 70's. J. Petusky, somebody should have caught on somewhere. People have been paying permits that didn't need them. D. Heiser, we did we worked on that and that's when we stopped it. J. Petusky, people who got permits did they get their money back? Didn't need a permit. R. Krick, how far back do we go? D. Heiser, that's something for the Solicitor. We asked the way Chris told us if somebody who got a permit requests a refund we handle it case by case bases. That's how we were told to handle it. J. Petusky, give them their money back. Mary Beth Dougherty, my sixty dollars back that's my money. J. Petusky, also I asked a question back in July while I was here. Why was I issued a fine for my house when it was completely legal? Two months later a person who had a fenced gate up four months ahead of me did not own the property was given a permit. That was fine. Anybody look into that? Anybody check into that answer? Do I have to hire a lawyer to find out why I was harassed by that permit officer? D. Heiser, I thought that was a done deal. J. Petusky, no I asked that question at the meeting you weren't at it. Jean Ann filled in as the Secretary I don't know. She stayed quite. Why was Michael Cope given a permit four months prior to mine? You guys have to start asking these people questions on what they are doing. D. Heiser, that's all stopped we don't issue those permits anymore. J. Petusky, I'm saying she did. There's something going on there. Why would I get a fine and somebody else here is a permit for you and they didn't even own the land. It's illegal for somebody who doesn't own the land to get it in their name it fraudulent. You need to talk to your permit officer. I want to ask why she did that? Six months ago nothing. I didn't need a fricken permit. Doesn't she know what she is doing? Why is she around here anymore? If your permit officer has no knowledge of what's going on I mean she doing permits for years. Something right away she should have known something is wrong here. She should be looking in to her books. That's why you should have your Code Enforcement/Permit Officer. Killian knows what the laws are and regulations and he can handle all those questions. D. Heiser, the Permit officer strictly investigates. J. Petusky, how long has she issued permits for dumpsters? D. Heiser, we talked about this the need for Permit officer is there. Frank Filiziani is not here all the time. People who call for a permit that is required by UCC. Our Permit officer can get them set up with the paperwork and get the paperwork filled out. There is a fee for Girardville Borough for them. J. Petusky, Get the application out. You don't need Jean Ann here at all. You got a stack of papers in your office of applications they call Candice yes there is applications here come on down fill it out. Then she can turn it over to Jean Ann when she gets around. Or just fax it to Filiziani you don't even need a permit; you can have her handle that. If she is just accepting paperwork it's up to the UCC guy to decided if it's a permit able job with these little hand books. Other towns have them there required. I see in this book here there is a permit for someone who is cutting down a tree. How is that a building permit? How is someone cutting down a tree a building permit? D. Heiser, again we're well awhile of all the permits that was issued for forty years that we weren't allowed to do. That goes back to. J. Petusky, 2004 when that changed. D. Heiser, when this Council or the previous Council became aware of it. It stopped that day, we weren't aware of it. You see in the paper I actually read the paper there are still other Boroughs that issue them and I don't know they issue them. J. Petusky, ask them do you have a problem with permits ask for a refund. D. Heiser, that's something our

Solicitor. J. Petusky, you have the records and what they paid they had a permit give their money back. \$4000 in the permit fund. D. Heiser, when that ball start rolling you'll see how fast \$4000 and another 100,000 goes out the window with it. You got back to 2004.

Dan O'Connell, did you ever consider the Permit Office job and Code Office combining and have him? J. Petusky, that what I said have him. See what the laws are the regulation are she can just had the application to Killian it's pretty simple. R. Krick, I think the problem there is the availability of Killian. That's what the problem is it makes sense but he's only here on Wednesdays and the evening that can be the problem. J. Petusky, you just have to have her know what her Permit able jobs are what needs a permit. It's easier to know what does need a permit. Just have a list up there and tell people fill out this application. It has to go to the UCC payments have to be made and they determine the class of it. Not like Jean Ann is here getting the permit back to them. Out of their office in Scranton. C. Marquardt, a lot of times what will happen with Jean Ann filling the paperwork out Frank Filiziani on his way through because he lives in Lavelle a lot of times he'll come in and sign them off people don't have to wait as long. J. Petusky, the person obtaining the permit is supposed to fill the paperwork out. C. Marquardt, the person obtaining the permit the paperwork. D. Heiser, the permit officer can fill it out she just doesn't sign it. J. Petusky, He still has to come by the person can stand at that window and fill it out give it to Candice and Candice calls Filiziani hey we have an application can you come pick this up? Why do you need Jean Ann to do it? D. Heiser, because she fills the permit out. He signs the permit. J. Petusky, he stops by to sign it why can't he do that? The person that is requesting has to fill out paperwork what the job plan is an stuff for the applicant to fill out. If he can come by and sign it why can't he fill it in?

Mary Beth Dougherty, since we are on the subject of Code Enforcement and the letter from Bernie Adams. I'm back on that band wagon again. Can we have a serious conversation about the properties in town? That are owned by people in town that seemed to be ignored for the past two years by Code Enforcement Bernie Adams, Joe Kessler I mean we have people right there. The argument I got before the defense I got before was we can't go after all of them. We have those two people that are living in town that we know where they are. I have been bitching about that house for two years now and it's been ignored I don't know what the hell Bernie Adams has on this Borough. R. Krick, my understanding is they were supposed to be citing but I don't have a report to verify that. M. B. Dougherty, has he been cited? I heard rumors that he was cited. We were told by previous Code Enforcement was he? I don't know what the problem is. How can anybody say that's not a problem? Michelle O'Connell, I have the same situation down by me the owner is in town and I have complained for over three years now. M.B. Dougherty, you know he has the nerve to come and ask he wants to do something so he wants the borough to sign off its ok. I hate to say it but President Trump's word its worth a shit hole on the. R. Krick, I agree but as far as the soda machine goes what do you say? You can't have a soda machine. D. Heiser, we will talk to Bill about those properties we will. R. Krick, I think we should have a meeting with Killian. You and I both are on that committee so let's arrange maybe Wednesday that we could meet with Killian. M. B. Dougherty, you know right where the people are that own these properties so you can go grab them. R. Krick, yeah you can grab them. M. B. Dougherty, you have the nerve to go after people out of town and go after them. Perfect example the guy was from Brooklyn but let the guy who is in Ashland the local guy go. They both should have been cited the same time. D. Heiser, he sent us a letter with the soda machine but the notice of violation. R. Krick, just so the case with the Seconded St. case. M. B. Dougherty, I got a bottle of wine in me right now. R. Krick, on the Seconded Street case so everybody is aware he paid us \$600.

M. B. Dougherty, another suggestion too looking at the permit amounts here and the Aqua one. You might want to talk to Chris about putting some kind of cap on how much the Permit Officer gets for Borough permits. D. Heiser, yes we did talk about it. R. Krick, that is the question. D. Heiser, a percentage up to a certain amount. R. Krick, maximum on every permit because yeah.

Motion to have Attorney Chris Riedlinger start the proceedings for a civil suit against Schultz made by D. Heiser, seconded by F. McDonald. Voted all. Motion carried.

Michelle O'Connell, the past Code Enforcement I have complained about a property for three years this up coming summer and there has been nothing done. I should be sitting here right now and saying something to our new Code Enforcer why was everything swept under the rug? They have given this property chances its 39 Main Street the back is a disaster. R. Krick, it seems from what I saw you know only people out of town where getting hammered. In town people were getting away with it. M. O'Connell, he's on the Avenue so why was

there a deal made? Go ahead clean it up we won't get you. Why? I hope this changes because I am sick and tired of looking at it and I had to put a fence up. D. Heiser, we approached Marrone at a meeting to see if he would turn it over to the Land Bank he's family kind of shot that down I guess. M. O'Connell, he should be cited. D. Heiser, he should be cited yes he should. M. B. Dougherty, it's beyond help. D. Heiser, now it is. Now they probably have to tear it down. M. B. Dougherty, so is Roy Weikel's that's another one that a deal was made on and it's in the delinquent taxes. R. Krick, that's not going to happen I guess. The legal agreements weren't that legal. M. B. Dougherty, right. James Petusky, another bad one is 629 E. Mahanoy Avenue his house. D. Heiser, the store front that is falling in. J. Petusky, the garage fell down years ago. Leonard Petusky, there's no roof no seconded floor. J. Petusky, another one garage over here up on Mahanoy Ave there least by the Borough workers family or wife or somebody that's falling down over on the Girard Estate land. Trailer collapsed in the yard for twenty years a house trailer on the Girard Estate land. There is so much being over looked. D. Heiser, we will we'll sit with Bill and give him a list we want him to go after. We will say want these cited. R. Krick, personally I don't like to interfere with somebody's job but we can give him suggestions no doubt about that. Dan O'Connell, there is a chance to move forward here with this new Council. R. Krick, hopefully like I said we'll talk to Killian and they are good points. Some people have been left go. M. O'Connell, I mean like I said I shouldn't be up here still bitching about it after three years and I shouldn't be throwing it off on Killian. Something should have been done I'm sick and tired of looking at it.

M. O'Connell, Seconded thing do you guys have a flood plain administrator? R. Krick, no not that I'm aware of. I don't think we ever had one. D. Heiser, I think PEMMA does require us want us to have one. I don't know if they require but I think they want every Borough to have one. R. Krick, that is something we could talk to. Maybe call Don Cuff. He might be the guy to appoint a flood plain. I mean what do I know what does anyone know about flood plains. J. Petusky, the community is in charge. The community would have to have somebody. D. Heiser, no permit can be issued by PEMMA unless the Flood Plain Administrator. J. Petusky, if we happen to get a big giant rain for some reason that pile of Schultz stuff on Seconded Street that's where the flood would be. R. Krick, if its ok I would make a call to Don on Tuesday or Monday and see how he feels about it if we need an administrator what that all entails.

Mary Beth Dougherty, I personally would have waited and done it on a performance basis and not voted on a raise tonight. Again I'm hoping that there are new people in place and that you will going forward encourage initiative and encourage the lead person to actually be that person and to take the lead on some things. Given the fact that I was here twenty years. I didn't see such lack a dizzy yo performances. I would see people that we had work. It wasn't perfect by any stretch but if you see something wrong you know its wrong go and fix it. Again the third time I'm going to say about the damn light. Fix the damn light it shouldn't take Council who all of you work. Have full-time jobs too this is a part-time job you shouldn't be over here micromanaging the blocked urinal or the light that's not fixed or knowing that the chain out front needs to be painted. Or the park needs to be cut or empty the garbage like that's not the kind. It is just day to day it worked all those years. We had employees some of them weren't the best, some of them worked good, some of them were better than others but they should know that they are being hired at X amount per hour. Regardless what X amount is. This is the job that they are being hired to do. That's the job they should do and not be coming in here saying I don't make enough money to do this, that, or the other thing. That's not the way the real world works. And anybody thinks they can get a job that can do that and go to an employer and say that you're living in a dream world you work for Girardville Borough one or the other. D. Heiser, none of them ever said, I never heard anyone of them say I don't get paid enough to do that. M. B. Dougherty, now you said it at a Council meeting. D. Heiser, no no I said it. I said I don't think they get paid for what we ask them to do. M. B. Dougherty, I'm sorry they know what the amount is when they get hired and take the job. So. D. Heiser, they never said it. That was me saying it. T. Semanchick, get a daily log of what they are doing. (To many people talking at the same time.) D. Heiser, we are going to do that. That's all part of the process going forward. J. Catizone Jr., that one of the things we talked about earlier in the meeting. (To many talking at once.) M. B. Dougherty, previous Council stopped it they used to. J. Catizone Jr., that's one of the things we talked about earlier in the work session we had a three hour work session to try and get some of those thing straightened up and that was one of the things mentioned between the Personnel committee and Street committee also. That will

be one thing potentially reinstated and Danny talked about that earlier. They were the types of things he wanted to start changing and addressing as Chair of the Street Department.

J. Petusky, are you going to start doing Park inspections to? Give them forms to fill out check the chains, check the links, rake the mulch, the swings on a weekly basis. That was terrible. Joey and Rob can tell you they were over there helping it was bad. Leonard Petusky, the park is only one place the people can see that. That park never got that bad. I don't see anyone over behind me. That's stuff that people see. J. Petusky, and you're rewarding guys.

Dan O'Connell, the sign up at the top of this hill says Borough Hall there's a tree in front of it. How much does it take to cut a tree down? J. Petusky, in the summer Dan on the other side of the Street the Street marker you couldn't see them I stopped and cut that. D. O'Connell, it's just common sense. Like you're saying he's the lead man he don't need to be told everyday what to do. I understand the job description. J. Petusky, they should have a list of what signs need to be in town. There's trees around Street lights it's up to the Borough to trim the trees around the Street lights. If you go up this alley behind the park here me and Joey when fixing the park. The tree on the corner was growing out to the corner blocking the Street light we cut that down. I mean you don't need to be rocket scientists to realize hey you're the Borough Street we're paying for this light there is a tree blocking this light growing over the road you need to trim it back enough. There is a dead tree I showed Rob and Joe. At this park there is a dead tree for five years. Five years and they don't have the incentive to say hey we should cut that tree down. D. Heiser, it took time to get where it's at. No one is going to wake up Monday Tuesday their off Monday. Wednesday morning the whole town isn't going to be beautiful. You'll see a difference. J. Petusky, there is so much to do to make the town look better. Look at Mahanoy Avenue there is that much dirt on the curbs its like, grass is growing over there on top of it you know by Maude's there. All around the drain it's all coming grass growing out the Street that shouldn't be there. I mean its obvious stuff that isn't being down. If it looks like a shit hole they are going to treat it like a shit hole. D. Heiser, every thing, all of every thing everybody said is all valid points but it is going to take time to get it a process going. That's what we are shooting for.

Dan O'Connell, what are the chances of getting a mirror by Jackie Barrett's property? To go up that hill we're had a lot of traffic lately. D. Heiser, the Railroad tracks they just fixed? D. O'Connell, right. D. Heiser, didn't there used to be one there years ago? I think I remember as a kid seeing one there. R. Krick, there used to be one on the Avenue can we steal that one. D. Heiser, you can see out of that one. They tried cleaning that you just can't. We should get one at Barrett's hill and that. We should look into that. D. O'Connell, I'm just saying its kind of lately I'm not saying bad traffic I'm just saying. R. Krick, that is pretty bad there on that hill. M. O'Connell, and people who are unfamiliar with it. R. Krick, if we close the Railroad crossing we won't need that then. (To many talking at the same time) D. O'Connell, because a lot of people are coming down and just flying down.

J. Petusky, hey Robbie you and Danny want to go see the deficiencies on the Street and take a notebook along I'll be glad to go show you. What we used to do before is not being done now. You want to see for yourself and take a notebook I can show you. Not that you can't see yourself but I mean for something like that Silver St. drain I went down there in the summer time. There is that much of an opening in it. It's all built up where the rails are the water is washing around. A small child can fall in there and drown. I mean that has to be cleaned out in front of it. The pipes are twenty-seven inch pipes. D. Heiser, sulfur creek up at the top? J. Petusky, yes. That cement that's were a big part of, push water once a week. If we can get block going that much of an opening, stuff like that needs to be taken care of everyday. L. Petusky, Danny we know its not going to happen over night but let's get it started. D. Heiser, that's the goal to get some process going. Then change and a difference can be seen.

J. Petusky, another question wasn't one of the workers on Compensation or light duty or something? D. Heiser, yes one hurt his arm and he is not on full. J. Petusky, did he get hurt here? D. Heiser, yes. J. Petusky, what was he doing? D. Heiser, carrying. (Someone in audience said that is a personnel issue) D. Heiser, yeah. J.

Catizone Jr., you can't give specific details. J. Petusky, did he report it right away? D. Heiser, yes. J. Petusky, I sworn I seen him out shoveling snow the other week. M. B. Dougherty, does everybody on Council know about it though? D. Heiser, he's not off of work. He's doing his job. M. B. Dougherty, does everyone on Council know about it? D. Heiser, well no that I believe. We talked about that today. When it happened he called Charlie he called me. Then Charlie called me and he said he will notify Joe Kessler. It was the last work session when I had mentioned about that and to everybody else heard about it so. That was handled wrong amongst us I think. J. Petusky, question I could swear I seen him shoveling snow around town. D. Heiser, he's doing his job. D. O'Connell, no no no he's doing it on the weekend not while he's working now on limited duty. D. Heiser, he's not on limited duty he's doing his job. J. Petusky, he's not on limited duty or nothing. D. Heiser, am I right Candice he's not it's. R. Krick, I was told he was on light duty. D. Heiser, I think limited. C. Squires, I don't really want to get into the personnel. D. Heiser, the only other option is if that's a problem let him take off. Call a per-diem guy and pay. The guy is willing to do his job and he is not hurting himself anymore. J. Petusky, you have to be concerned that he could hurt himself worse. C. Marquardt, his doctor. His doctor is telling him he can do what he is doing. J. Petusky, he can pull his shoulder out with a drop of his arm. C. Marquardt, well he got x-rays done, he got physical therapy done he said he was advised to come back to work then that's what he is doing. He said if it starts to bother you then just back off what your doing that means your over stressing whatever the case maybe. It will eventually heal.

Teresa Krick, all this talk about recycling and fixing and better improving. I don't know if it was mentioned about the recycling container over there. Is it ordered? Did it get here? Do they have one in the back a recycling container? Edna Labie, in our room? T. Krick, yeah. E. Labie, no anything that goes down to recycling from our Seniors I take down. I tell them to put their bottles and cans on the sink and then I take that stuff down to recycling. T. Krick, I'm mean it's just a simple thing. D. Heiser, the answer to your question is no and we'll order them on Tuesday. It was talked about I just never even told them. J. Catizone Jr., it was officially after the meeting and I didn't take any action on it we had ended the meeting prior to that we still aloud public comment we weren't able to take any action when you had mentioned.

Motion to adjourn made by C. Marquardt, seconded by D. Heiser. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** February 08th, 2018 **TIME:** 7:30 PM

OPEN MEETING

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

ROLL CALL

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

Members absent: None

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA: No Comment made by the public.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

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

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

Mayor's report: Mayor J. Catizone Jr., The Mayor doesn't have a Police Report this month.

Code Enforcement report: Motion to accept the report as submitted made by D. Heiser, seconded by M. Huss. Voted. All. Motion carried.

BILLS

Motion to approve the bill list as submitted and read was made by C. Marquardt, seconded by F. McDonald. Voted. All. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Letter from Schuylkill Firefighters' Financial Development Organization R. Krick, so we are undecided about that at the moment.
- b. American Power and Gas rates D. Heiser called them left a message and will call again.

- c. Annual Fire Chief Agreement R. Krick, what we had done with the Chief's agreement was sending it to the Solicitor for review. C. Riedlinger, I called around and did a little research to find out what typically goes into a Fire Chief's agreement because I never prepared one or reviewed one before. I actually found a quite a bit of a lot actually the exact opposite very little of any Authority for such a position to even exist. There's nothing in the Borough Code about a Fire Chief nothing in the Township Code about Township Fire Chief's. I called around to some of the other Boroughs in the County and what I basically discovered was most of the Borough's they all have Fire Chiefs but they created the position themselves via Ordinance that spells out the duties of the Fire Chief. I basically told the Borough that I don't think that. A Fire Chief is not an appointed position like in the Borough Code. Like an Engineer, Solicitor, or Secretary is. It's a Position that is not mentioned in the Borough Code. So to really do this right I think what they ought to do instead of entering into an Agreement is draft an Ordinance that spells out what the duties of the Fire Chief are. I think they are going to contemplate doing that. R. Krick, I would say what we were thinking about doing and what we would like to do. We'd like to sit down with two representatives from each Fire Company and there will be two representatives from the Borough and along with the Mayor and come up with suggestions from the Fire companies on what they think we should include in the Ordinance. As far as what the duties of the Fire Chief. C. Riedlinger, some of the obvious duties that jump out at me are deploying the personnel and the apparatus at the scene of a fire, being in charge at the scene sort of speak and maybe delivering like you already have been doing quarterly reports to the Borough Council about fire calls and things of that nature. As far as what the other duties should be I can get copies of other Boroughs Ordinances and get an idea of what other Municipalities have put in theirs as duties. I think also be helpful to get input from people like you Frankie and other Fire Company members as what the duties should be. The Borough basically wants to create a Fire Chief that's in charge of thinks like what I just said but not at the same time delve too deeply into controlling the inter workings of the Fire Department. The basically want to keep their hands out of that. The same time appoint somebody who's going to be in charge. R. Krick, I don't know how the Fire Companies feel about having a meeting like that. I don't know if the Chief, well Frank isn't' here right. C. Riedlinger, Frank's right here. R. Krick, oh. How do you feel about having that meeting? Frank Zangari, it's the first I'm hearing about this so. R. Krick, this has been moving rather quickly in a discussion about the contract review and Chris has gotten back to us I think three times in the last day and a half with different opinions. So we discussed it last night and that all changed by today and at first we didn't see any authorization but realize we can create it by doing the Ordinance as Chris suggested. But in order to put the discretion in what the Fire Chief is we'd like input from both Fire Companies. D. Heiser, we also in no way are we going to meddle in how the fire scene is run. That is going to be entire up to the companies. R. Krick, that's not our intention at all. It's just to set some to have a direct on what the Fire Chief is and how we go about doing that. C. Riedlinger, basically instead of entering into an Annual Agreement they want to enact an Ordinance that just sets the duties and be the duties from that point forward. R. Krick, That's the suggestion so if we can set up a meeting we're pretty flexible. You're pretty flexible Dan? So if both Fire Companies want to come two people each and it will be basically seven people at the meeting. That way it is pretty tight and we don't have a big crowd. I'm not saying I don't want everybody to know what is going on we'll be quick to

share it but I think that would be the best way to come up with the guidelines. So I don't know we're open to suggestions. F. Zangari, what would you like to do in the interim time? R. Krick, well there's no contract so I mean if you feel. F. Zangari, what do you want to do in the interim time? R. Krick, in the interim time I would stay status quo till we do this. If that's ok with every. Well I don't think we can enter into the agreement so. F. Zangari, I don't know what to tell you? What brings this about? Let me ask you that question. R. Krick, what's that? F. Zangari, what brought this about this year? R. Krick, I'll be honest with you I don't remember anybody ever voting on the contract. F. Zangari, you had a Fire Chief for since the 70's I only took over in 82 what brought this up? K. Rick, questions on the contract. F. Zangari, it's not a contract it was an agreement so that Council had something in place and the Fire Companies created that many years ago. C. Riedlinger, the only thing I can tell you to answer your question is this is the first time I was ever asked to review it and in the process of reviewing it I was just trying to get some source material to know what a typical Fire Chiefs agreement looks like and I basically discovered there typically aren't Fire Chiefs agreements. There's no positions called Fire Chief created in Borough Codes and all local Municipalities that have them created them via Ordinance and I just discovered all of this in the last five days. F. Zangari, this is the first time I'm hearing this. I don't know what to tell you. R. Krick, if everybody is agreeable to a time like to sit down so we can get the Ordinance signed. Get it finished. I see some representatives from the number 1 and obviously you'll be the Chief from the Rangers. Who is the Chief are you the Chief Joe? Joseph Yackera, yeah. R. Krick, so if we want to get two guys from each company we agree on a time to meet with Danny and the Mayor. We'll try to, you know get input from both sides and see what goes on. Kind of tell you where are heads are at this point. Anyone have comments on it? Open it up for anybody to say what ever. Wade Richards, I'm not following this too good what's wrong with the way it is. Why do you need a contract with the Borough? D. Heiser, the thing that got our attention the most when Chris looked into it. I guess the way you word it in the email you sent out. By us employing the Fire Chief and making him a Borough Official that kind of opens us up to. C. Riedlinger, well no. I know where you are going. I basically just. I don't want there to be too much control by the Borough over the Fire Companies. I want the Fire Companies to act as independent entities. There's case law out there that discusses ramifications to Boroughs or townships when they get too involved in the inter workings of their Fire Companies and what it could mean as far as labor law concern. They want to develop a Ordinance basically that creates the Fire Chief position that gives him the appropriate powers that he needs to make sure the residents are safe. But they want to limit it so that we don't fall into problems like that fire, like that Borough did. F. Zangari, so the previous agreement did not? C. Riedlinger, no its not that the previous agreement created problems like that court case did. The answer to your question. Your question was why did we have an agreement? Evidently we always had an agreement. Nobody is talking about creating an agreement evidently there has been one for over twenty years. My problem is I don't think it's legal for the Borough to enter into an agreement for a position that doesn't exist under the Borough Code because there is no Borough Fire Chief under the Borough Code. F. Zangari, a lot of the Borough Ordinances reference the Borough Fire Chief. So you're referencing Ordinances that a lot of you put together recently and reference the Fire Chief so are we willing to go ahead and change all of those Ordinances? C. Riedlinger, we won't have to if we create a Borough Fire

Chief. F. Zangari, but you already have a Fire Chief created for the past twenty years. C. Riedlinger, if there is a Borough Ordinance that creates a Fire Chief position and I don't mean an Ordinance that just says Fire Chief somewhere in it in reference to an Ordinance created for another topic. I mean an Ordinance whose purpose is to create a position that doesn't exist in the Borough Code. That this Borough is going to have and spell out its duties and obligation and thing like that. If there is an Ordinance that we already have then great we won't have to do it. We may want to change it. I don't know if it's old and out dated and what the duties spelled out are and things like that. To my knowledge there isn't one and the purpose is to create the position. We can have an Ordinance that says the township Police Officers can do something but if there are not township Police Officers at the time that Ordinance doesn't create a township Police Officer it just references a township Police Officer. F. Zangari, I think you already have an Ordinance I don't know how many years back. C. Riedlinger, like I said I personally didn't look through the old Ordinances to see if there is one that creates the Fire Chief position. George Misunas, Robbie years ago with this stuff when I joined the Hose Companies back in the seventies that Chief alternated between Hose Companies every year. Back then Fig Miller was Chief up at our place and Jack McDonald done the Rangers that was back and fourth. F. Zangari, you can alternate Fire Chiefs but you better have Fire Chiefs that are willing to do the job and I'll sit here and argue with anybody in the room. The issue is you don't like the way things are being ran that was never brought to my attention as a Fire Chief ever. We had this discussion two years ago with in the Fire Company to alternate out of town calls at the time and Joey was Chief and he said at that point wasn't in the room. The Borough gives us \$1200 a year. They do not pay our vehicle insurance they do not pay anything. They pay workers comp by law. R. Krick, true. F. Zangari, the Rangers' gets dispatched on every single call out of town. I can't stop that. I try to tell ya I can't they request that. Joseph Yackera, yes you can. F. Zangari, I can't stop that. J. Yackera, yes you can because you prevent us from leaving town. F. Zangari, I'd like you to leave town. You don't want to. J. Yackera, you don't know through. You think the agreement we had two years ago. J. Catizone Jr., hold on. J. Yackera, this is not the forum for that. R. Krick, this isn't right now the forum for that. J. Catizone Jr., that's why we think there needs to be a discussion with two members of Council, myself, you gentlemen representatives from your Hose Companies. Sit down reach some type of an agreement. Whether it goes back to alternating years or whether you guys can sit down in a room and agree and listen we're going to do this, where going to do this and that's the end of it. F. Zangari, a Municipality can't call whether they alternate you can't do that. J. Catizone Jr., we're not asking. We're not saying that we're going to. We'd like you guys to. F. Zangari, I can't do that as Fire Chief. If they're in town and their called or dispatched it's an Emergency call I can't stop that. C. Riedlinger, I don't think the Borough has any desire to get that level of control. J. Catizone Jr., that's not what we are trying to say. F. Zangari, I understand what Joey saying but. J. Yackera, I'll make one statement. J. Catizone Jr., sure. J. Yackera, Shenandoah Heights calls com center and says we request the Girardville Hose Company on their alarm to go to Shenandoah Heights there's a messaging com center 45-10 is the only one aloud out of town and we're not aloud out. They will not dispatch us. He's right if they would dispatch us yes absolutely we would go but we will never get dispatch. Even if requested. F. Zangari, I don't know of such a memo. I don't know such a thing. C. Riedlinger, I don't think that the

Borough is going to get into business or this Ordinance going to in anyway decide who is going to cover what calls or anything like that. R. Krick, I don't think that we're in that call. C. Riedlinger, the reality of it is. I'm just pointing out the Borough doesn't even have to have a Fire Chief. The Borough only has to provide fire protection if they feel that the two volunteer companies with in its borders are adequately doing that. They can just say that is the extent of it that we do. They don't need a Borough Fire Chief. F. Zangari, Chris I think you need to research it more I think the discussion needs to be outside the room. C. Riedlinger, ok. Well I'll be happy to talk to you about it. F. Zangari, I would be more than glad to talk to you. C. Riedlinger, my first call about this matter was to the State Boroughs Solicitor Association I spoke to the person there their answer to me was there is no such position to the Borough Code and there shouldn't be one. I know everybody has one including our Borough. Most of the other ones all the other ones I spoke to haven't because an Ordinance creates it. F. Zangari, it actually used to be called a Fire Marshal then they changed it to Fire Chief. G. Misunas, that's what it was years ago. J. Yackera, just one other thing. J. Catizone Jr., go ahead Joe. J. Yackera, I know Frank when you walked in you looked at me. We're here tonight because I put a letter of interest in for what was going to be an Assistant Fire Chief an additional I know a couple of other entries that put in so. I also the first I'm hearing that this was going on. So I was a little taken back by what you guys had brought up. With that being said I don't see any issues with the Fire Companies getting together. Rob if I can see a couple of the Ordinances if we can have a couple of them for review of what other Municipalities are going. C. Riedlinger, right now I have four. One of which is a County Borough the other three are from townships out of the County. I have four sample Ordinances right now. I'll be happy. I'll send them over to Candice to send them. R. Krick, we could give you copies of Ordinances so you guys could sit down and review them before the meeting and then everybody is on the same page. What these people are doing. Whether we do that or not will be up to discussion at least we'll have some ground one. D. Heiser, I guess the general consensus from what we talked about from our group is. What we would like to see best is the two Fire Companies your separate organizations your separate how you do your administrative all that other stuff is entirely both your businesses. If you guys would come up with how you guys want to pick the Fire Chief and then you'll have your input, we'll have our input, and then we can create an Ordinance that how ever the Fire Companies picks a Fire Chief and then that how the Borough will recognize who's the Fire Chief how you guys do. We're not saying. We don't want to pick it at all. Everybody agree with that. We don't want it to be our call who the Fire Chief is. You guys are the Fire Companies you guys get to pick how you want the Chief created. We'll work with you on how that is created by Ordinance. That basically how we put it how we decided it last night. Well then again this morning. C. Riedlinger, the other thing that I learned that various Boroughs through out the County everybody does it a different way. St. Clair has a board established Council member's sit on it. Fire Company representatives sit on and that board votes who the Fire Chief is going to be. Tamaqua has four Fire Companies each one has a Chief. The Tamaqua Borough Fire Chief is one of those four with them most seniority. There's another Borough that does it like you said before alternating years. You can do it any. There is no one way that's the only way to do. I'm learning most Borough's in the County does it different ways who they elect to be the Fire Chief. It always seems to be one of the Fire Chiefs of one of the Companies with in the Borough. R. Krick, ok so we'll get

- those Ordinances to you guys. C. Riedlinger, I'll email them to Candice tomorrow. R. Krick, we can set a time up and we can review them. I think the concern is that and maybe Frank is arguing the point that we have created a Fire Chief. Have we created a Fire Chief properly and we have to do it by Ordinance we want to do it by Ordinance. We wanted to make sure that everybody is on board with the Ordinance and that it describes what the Fire Chiefs duties are. Anybody else have anything else on that. R. Krick, we would like to have that meeting as soon as possible. So that we can progress this thing along real quick. Because we'll have to advertise that Ordinance and there will be a time gap so.
- d. Public Safety Committee representatives D. Heiser, pretty much going to be the same thing have two representatives from each Company we're going to send letters out. Fire Companies, Ambulance, Fire Police we're going to meet March 7th at 7.
 - e. Approval for Costars Salt August 2018- July 2019 season registration. D. Heiser, I talked to Mike. **Motion** to purchase two loads of salt for next year made by D. Heiser, seconded by M. Huss. Voted. All. Motion carried.
 - f. **Motion** to purchase one more load for the remainder of this winter along with tri axle load of anti-skid made by D. Heiser, seconded by C. Marquardt. On the question M. Huss, do we need an entire load of another full of rock salt. If we're going to do the anti-skid isn't that going to take up some of that rock salt? D. Heiser, that's what they do with the ash. If needed I'd like to make the motion. Voted all. Motion carried.
 - g. Hans Deibler Jr. parking lot for Seconded Street Bar property. R. Krick, we haven't had a meeting with him yet. If he is there should I just go talk to him? D. Heiser, he's there anytime. He's there working all the time he is there all day. R. Krick, I might make a phone call to if it's ok to the Engineer. To maybe get an idea what the proper entrance and exit would be and where we can put it and where it could be located. Obviously not on Seconded Street but on Ogden how we can do that in the center or could we put it in the yellow line as an exit in and out I'm not sure. That's something I'll run by the Solicitor.
 - h. Security cameras. D. Heiser, Dynamark is coming Tuesday at 9am. R. Krick, we're thinking about getting security cameras that are good enough to catch anybody at the recycling center.
 - i. Recycling bins. D. Heiser, I looked into them. He was going to Lowes to pick them up today but he's going to check with Lindenmuth tomorrow so they'll be here next week.
 - j. Welcome to Girardville Sign. D. Heiser, he is also getting prices on them and they seem pretty pricey. I know Jimmy. R. Krick, I do have an email from Jimmy. I think they weren't expensive. I'll see if I can dig it up. D. Heiser, speaking of the sign out front here is going to be repainted.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. The Girardville Little League Basket Auction. Shop & Drop on Saturday, February 24th 12pm-2pm. Auction Sunday, February 25th from 12pm-2pm in the Borough Hall. **Motion** to authorize the use of Borough Hall made by D. Heiser, seconded by M. Huss. Voted. All. Motion carried.

- b. 2018 Municipal/County Emergency Operations Plan. Request approval Resolution 2018-2. **Motion** to approve Resolution 2018-2 made by D. Heiser, seconded by F. McDonald. Voted. All. Motion carried.
- c. Request for Handicap parking 202 E. Ogden Street. R. Krick, I think that has to be looked at. As far as the Street Committee maybe we should take a look at it and review that.
- d. PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. R. Krick, we got to get on the website to see qualifications are. We have until April.
- e. Federal Emergency Management Agency. R. Krick, we got a letter here I'm not sure what it is about. Maybe the Solicitor should take a look at it but it's from PEMMA. It's concerning a letter of map amendment determination document no renewal. It has to do with lot 31 Girardville. Deed recorded in book 1209 pages 5 5-6, I could go on and on. C. Riedlinger, it relates to two properties the Borough owns but it doesn't describe the address of those properties. It just references the deed book and page numbers. It's also a five page document that we only three pages of. R. Krick, it says structure non removable and it says the following considerations may or may not apply to do determination of your structure. Portions of your property remain in the floodway. Portions of you property located with in the National Flood Insurance Program mandatory floodway for the flooding sources indicated determination documented while the subject and it goes on. C. Riedlinger, it's possibly and I don't know this. It's possible this is the first time we are getting such a notice because maybe these two properties. The properties we just required ownership of for demolition properties but I don't know that. R. Krick, it's a possibility. I guess you could look into this right. C. Riedlinger, I'd like to try and get the missing two pages first. D. Heiser, it says the address is 145 Seconded Street. We talked last night we thought that would be the lot next to the one Hans. M. Huss, The one Hans Deibler bought he said he bought one on the repository sale but it's not recognized as far as the County lot. Look at Hans letter Hans said I need lot 201 N. Second St, 205 N. Seconded, and the third does not have an address. However, I did purchase it at the County Court House at the repository sale it's the lot with the fence in front of it on Seconded St. D. Heiser, oh so the next block in with the house with the piles. This isn't about that. This is one the other side of the bar. C. Riedlinger, there is a number on this. I can at least call get the two missing pages and find out exactly what they want us to do. Not the clearest of notices.
- f. Northern Schuylkill County of Governments approval 2018 dues. **Motion** to approve the \$100 dues to Cog made by D. Heiser, seconded by M. Huss. Voted. All. Motion carried.
- g. Rangers Hose Company request to have Easter Egg Hunt in Little League field & playground. Mike Zangari, Sunday, March 18th. Bunny arrives at 12:30pm Hunt starts at 1pm. **Motion** to approve Easter Egg Hunt made by D. Heiser, seconded by C. Marquardt. Voted. All. Motion carried.
- h. R. Krick, Michelle did you ask last month whether or not Girardville had a flood plain coordinator or did Jimmy ask that question? In the minutes says you asked that question. Michelle O'Connell, yeah I did. R. Krick, the short answer is no. The Borough does not have a flood plain coordinator I talked to the Engineer concerning it. We're going to have to try something. If anyone is interested in it becoming it. The flood plain manager is supposed to identify any changes in the flood plain. Either demolition any changes at all. They are supposed to do quarterly reports and obviously we haven't done any of that. I don't know what jeopardy it puts us in. I know Don told me Gordon got into a lot of trouble. The Feds

came in they did not have the paperwork nor did they have the reports on hand and I guess it was real hell the past. I don't know what jeopardy it puts us in by not having one. We're open anybody who is interested I don't know of anybody to take it but let us know. If anybody on Council interested? Jumping up and down here I don't see any hands. I'm not sure if there was one appointed when the flood plain was adopted and that was quite a few years ago. C. Riedlinger, the major amendments accrued just a few years ago because I remember. I had drafted for all my Municipalities because the Federal agents required amendments. R. Krick, revision on them? C. Riedlinger, yes a major revision. As a matter of fact the Ordinance was redone I don't remember the exact year it was but I want to guess 2014 2015 maybe. R. Krick, it might be good to look at that Ordinance and see if there was somebody dictated in that Ordinance as far as. C. Riedlinger, I don't think it would have mattered, a particular individual. R. Krick, yeah ok.

- i. J. Catizone Jr., I have a letter from Officer in charge Mathew William. The letter was read Officer Williams is stepping down as OIC but stay on as part-time patrol man as needed basis. **Motion** to accept the resignation of Officer Williams as OIC made by M. Huss, seconded by D. Heiser. Voted. All. Motion carried.
- j. J. Catizone Jr., with Williams's resignation Officer Long is willing to step up as the Officer in charge roll or hiring purposes for brining Officers on board. If the Council members be willing to make a motion for Officer Long to be named as OIC for Girardville Borough please. **Motion** to approve Officer Long as OIC made by D. Heiser, seconded by F. McDonald. Voted. All. Motion carried.
- k. R. Krick, there was a couple of things we talked about yesterday. One was to eliminate two bank accounts. Which were the Police Fund and Radio Fund. Just eliminate those. Can I have a motion to eliminate those two Bank accounts? **Motion** to eliminate the Police and Radio Fund made by M. Huss, seconded by D. Heiser. On the question D. Heiser, we don't do anything with that anymore that with the radio? R. Krick, no all we are doing is transferring money out of the General Fund into these two accounts to pay those bills. D. Heiser, alright that's what I thought. Voted. All. Motion carried.
- l. R. Krick, we entered into an agreement with Miners Bank for \$40,000.00. I kind of didn't realize that the agreement is a line of credit. It's not a straight up loan. So that we don't have to draw this money done at one time and we will only accrue interest on the money that we draw down. So last night we discussed on how we draw that down and who can authorize that draw down. I need a motion to authorize the finance committee, we let the finance committee authorize the draw down of those fund. **Motion** to authorize the finance committee for draws as needed for the loan made by D. Heiser, seconded by F. McDonald. Voted. All. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Street: D. Heiser, from last Council meeting until now some of the things Mike and Jimmy have done around the building and around town. You all are aware of several snows and ice storms typical plowing. They spent quite a few hours unloading salt, ashes, and reorganizing the salt shed. They unloaded two load of salt in the shed and they cleaned off all the storm drains after both storms. Cleaned off storm drains after those storms I won't say all of them. The Borough sidewalks were cleaned after both storms. The Borough Hall Office and Meeting rooms were both swept and mopped. They replaced put two new lights in the hall

way out here. There was the water main froze at the A Street school and kind of flooded a section out. So they cleaned up the water there. They picked up the ashes around town Mondays and Fridays. They emptied street cans. The trash cans that are on the streets, in the Borough hall, and in the gym. They removed the lights and radios out of the old Police car that was just sitting up at the school lot forever. They put new lights in the garage they replaced bulbs in several lights through out the building. Pot holes were patched on Seconded St with cold patch. They went up and checked and cleaned the drains A Street school and gym. Well it's all one building. They swept the garage several times out. All of the vehicles have been washed. They went around and collected the remainder of hopefully of Christmas trees that were put out. And other than that it's a typical busy month. That's the majority of some of the things that they have done. As I said I would let the people know what they do. It might not be what everyone wants them to do but they can't say they didn't do anything. R. Krick, the only comment I have. I think the snow removal has been fine. I think they done a really do job. The only incident I have real concern about was the incident on C St. where private citizen had to clean the storm drain. Absolutely unacceptable. I see they're at it now. D. Heiser, that's what sparked cleaning the drain. R. Krick, ok I see that now but that did occurred and it should have not ever happened that somebody had to clean the storm drain. There had to be four foot of water up there.

School Building: None

Police: None

Finance: None

Personnel: None

Code/QofL: None

Recreation: None

Recycling: None

Solicitor: None

Landfill: None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Teresa Krick, just reminder about recycling. R. Krick, he just mentioned it. D. Heiser, Mike was going to Lowes to pick them up to day but he does want to look at Lindenmuth's yet he might get them a little cheaper but they will be here next week. T. Krick, I'm sorry. D. Heiser, no it's a good point.

Julie Rutko, on A Street when they plow the high-rise lot I don't know who they contracted to plow. They're plowing snow against the curb where the hedges are and it blocks the drainage. We always the neighbors dig a trench down the side by the curb so when the snow melts it drains because if we don't do that we have a big pool of water then it freezes then it unfreezes. R. Krick, so what you're saying is the guy at J. Rutko, at the high-rise. R. Krick, at the high-rise is just pushing it across the Street? He is pushing it towards where the Church lot was. J. Rutko, pretty much on the corner. D. Heiser, so we should send a letter not to do that. R. Krick, well they'll have to keep it on their own property. J. Rutko, I wasn't going to mention it to Council. I did put a call into Kathy Barlow you know at the high-rise I left her the same message that I just told you. Maybe that will take care of the problem but I thought I'd make you aware. R.

Krick, I mean they shouldn't push off property. J. Rutko, I thought you had to haul your own snow away if you plowed. R. Krick, exactly that supposed to be.

Michelle O'Connell, does the Borough have a map of all the utility poles on the Main Street I guess from PP&L? R. Krick, is there a map Candice that you are aware of? C. Squires, there is a lot of maps in there if you want to take a look and see. R. Krick, take a look I was supposed to do that I apologize. M. O'Connell, that's ok if I can get a copy. R. Krick, if there is one I'm not sure there is but I'll go look. M. O'Connell, ok

Alex Gregis, Rob is it open to the floor now? R. Krick, yeah. A. Gregis, the flood management thing. One of the things is the Creek now. I know the Borough is probably not going to have the money to do it. R. Krick, to dredge it? You'll never see the Creek dredged. A. Gregis, The trees I mean there is that many trees growing out now, down by my way. Down towards the end of Oak Street. If you look in the Creek they're massive their coming over. Down that way by that bridge where Julia goes across. If we get another heavy thing that happened a couple years back that flooded Ogden Street it's going to go over. It's getting worse with the trees trapping so much dirt. Is there anyway they can get Federal Funding for that stuff? R. Krick, one time when we had a flood issue on B Street. That was quite a few years ago. We had people from State in and all they told me was. They could guarantee me one thing was they wouldn't dredge it. Dredging is completely out of the question. A. Gregis, I understand about the dredging. R. Krick, I understand where you were coming from. That's the only. I don't know as far as cutting the trees would be. A. Gregis, the trees are just getting trapped so much dirt and it's building up and building its going to go over again its just a matter of time. I'm just saying with you getting into this flood management and all like that. There must be one way to prevent it. R. Krick, ok if there is something we can. I don't know I guess I can look into it. I don't know if there is funding to do it if we can't.

Julie Zangari, the property on Seconded Street that the Borough paid the \$3,000.00 of Tax payer money. Have we gotten that back yet? R. Krick, my understanding we got \$600.00 back. D. Heiser, I don't know if you were here or if Candice, we made a motion at the last meeting to start a civil action against him. R. Krick, we don't have. We only hold a note so we don't have any lien against the property. Is it a personal note? C. Riedlinger, promissory note. R. Krick, promissory note. J. Zangari, which will hold up in Court I presume? R. Krick, yeah it will. C. Riedlinger, yeah it will hold up in Court we could probably get a Judgment against very easily enforcing the Judgment is the difficult part, if he doesn't have any money. Annetta Whitecavage, he's opening two businesses in Ashland so he has to have some money. C. Riedlinger, believe me if he does great. I'm just saying usually people even if they have money have it in titled in such a way that it's not really. Like in a bank account that you can just attach and drain it right out. A. Whitecavage, he sold the property. Mike Zangari, so why couldn't we have stopped it or took the money from that or stepped in. R. Krick, we don't have the ability to attach that. D. Heiser, we sat here at a meeting and we made it perfectly clear that we were spending that \$3,000 fully knowing that we might not get it back. Because you even made the statement that they make themselves un I forget the word you called it. C. Riedlinger, judgment-poof. D. Heiser, judgment-proof we knew that if we spent that money we were taking a chance that we may never see it again. We thought that \$3,000 was a lot less to spend then a law suite of somebody getting killed from that building collapsing. So we knew. It was open in a public meeting and knew we might not see a penny. All we can do is do a judgment. M. Zangari, so what is the plan now? Now that it's owned by a new owner to clean up that pile left? C. Riedlinger, you mean this is the first time I'm hearing this. You mean the property where the building was torn down that's still there Schultz that's now a new owner? D. Heiser, yes. R. Krick, he's agreeing, he's supposed to. He has a contractor and he's supposed to have it down by the end of February. C. Riedlinger, that new owner is liable under our Maintenance Codes. R. Krick, he is being cited. D. Heiser, he supposed to be I don't know if he is. R. Krick, I don't know if he has been but he's supposed to be. D. Heiser, his concern when he was buying it was if he bought it he would be responsibly for that \$3,000 and then we said no but he probably would be getting a notice of violation immediately. He said ninety days he'll clean up the dirt. R. Krick, he signed a proposal for what he's going to do with the property he said he would have the site cleaned up by February. M. Zangari, so by next meeting it should be cleaned up? R. Krick, it should be cleaned up. I

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would think he wants to do that for the parade. M. Huss, he wants to make it a parking lot. A. Whitecavage, but he only bought Schultz two properties he did not by the corner property. D. Heiser, no. He bought the corner one Schultz's and then there was a fence between Schultz building. A. Whitecavage, on parcel locator it does not have him on the first property. C. Riedlinger, does Schultz still live at that Ashland address we had him at before. A. Whitecavage, I think so. C. Riedlinger, the \$600 the amount we have the right amount we gotten to \$600.00. C. Squires, the last time he made a payment was September. Balance \$2,400.00. A. Whitecavage, I was getting the taxes ready to mail out and I was checking where I have to mail it too. D. Heiser, I'll call tomorrow and ask them. A. Whitecavage, well I'll check it again tomorrow and see if it is updated. C. Riedlinger, because of the amount involved this would be an action in front of District Justice Hale so this would go probably a lot quicker then most of these Court cases go anyway so you won't have to deal with the Court house in Pottsville. It would be a \$2,400 plus cost of Judgment. R. Krick, ok yeah.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** March 08, 2018 **TIME:** 7:30 PM

OPEN MEETING

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

ROLL CALL

Members present: Charles Marquardt, Fredrick McDonald, Mike Huss, Dan Heiser, Mayor Joseph Catizone Jr., and Robert Krick.

Members absent: Attorney Christopher Riedlinger.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA: No comment made by the public.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

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

Treasurer's report: Motion to accept the report made by F. McDonald, seconded by C. Marquardt. Vote. All. Motion carried. On the question. R. Krick, Police fund closed. Did we close the other one? C. Squires, yes Radio fund. R. Krick, ok so both accounts are closed.

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

R. Krick, on that point maybe we can address the issue on Ogden Street. There been some complaints about people going in and out of there, the abandoned properties. What we should do, if everybody is in favor of doing it getting some material to board those things up. The question is whether or not we can enter those buildings. The Code Enforcement Killian said he didn't think we were authorized. I talked to him to day and he doesn't think we're authorized to go into the buildings ourselves. That might be an issue to take up with the Solicitor. I think maybe we should have a motion to authorize the Borough workers to get the materials and board. Most of the problems are in the entryways and what ever doors we'll have to board up on those buildings. Motion to board up we talk to Chris. R. Krick, we can, Killian was saying we can't enter. Killian said we can under the building maintenance code. C. Marquardt, board all lower level front and back. R. Krick, I think it most of the problem might be the entryways from what I understand from what people are telling me. I'm not that familiar with it. We board anything try to make things tight. The question came up what if there is somebody in there? I

guess we'll have to deal with that either an announcement or bull horn or something if they don't get out. **Motion** to board up properties on Ogden Street made by D. Heiser, seconded by C. Marquardt. Voted. All. Motion carried.

Recorder of Deeds and Tax Claim Bureau reports: R. Krick, somebody want to make a motion to accept those reports? I'll move one.

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

Mayor's report: No report available.

BILLS

Motion to approve the bill list as submitted and read was made by F. McDonald, seconded by M. Huss. Vote. All. Motion carried. On the question M. Huss, Aqua we have \$858 for the hydrants how often are those checked? R. Krick, that's the water company. M. Huss, do they come check the and check the flow on them thing like that? I'm asking because of that fire in Ringtown. R. Krick, I'm not exactly sure they don't check them Juice? Joseph (Juice) Tinari, they don't check flow no. R. Krick, they do on the meters though obviously I mean the hydrants. J. Tinari, yeah they do on the hydrants. R. Krick, I don't know I'm not the Fire Company. Do you guys ever have problems? J. Tinari, we really haven't had a fire since they put the new line in. Everybody that calls the fire company knows we can only run one engine off our fire system anyway. M. Huss, I was just questioning that I didn't know who exactly was responsible for checking into that if that was apart of the Aqua agreement or our responsibility. J. Tinari, I would think if anything if you wanted to do a flow rate on it. It would be on the Borough that ain't cheap I know Aqua ain't going to volunteer.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Letter from Schuylkill Firefighters' Financial Development Organization R. Krick, we are going to have a budget meeting next month so maybe we can discuss it then.
- b. American Power and Gas rates. R. Krick, Danny had gotten rates from PP&L. D. Heiser, do the same thing at the budget meeting we'll compare them.
- c. Request for Handicap parking 202 E. Ogden Street. R. Krick, we have another issue there concerning the request to build the roof out on the handicap ramp. I think that is something we have to investigate to be honest with you. The permit for the handicap ramp was given by UCC and from my understanding is saying that it's up to us to make the decision whether or not to allow the roof over the ramp. We're going to have to talk to the Solicitor about the situation. Unless anyone wants to act on it. That is up to Council.
- d. Federal Emergency Management Agency Letter from PEMMA. D. Heiser, I called. That the Flood plain administrator. I had called them left a message and I still haven't heard back from them. R. Krick, oh that was the letter we got concerning the property on Seconded Street. D. Heiser, yeah. R. Krick, and that there was a change in the flood plain.

- e. Fire Chief, R. Krick, setting up the requirements and the way we pick a Fire Chief. We want to have that meeting with two representatives from each Fire Company. You guys pick who you want to come to that meeting. The discussion will be on what the duties of the Fire Chief will be and also what requirements the Fire Chief, training we would require him to have. That meeting we would like to set up not this Wednesday but the following Wednesday March 21st 6 O'clock. Is verbal fine or do you want us to send a letter. Michael Zendrosky, letter. R. Krick, you want a formal letter? Ok. So I need a motion to get the secretary to send two letters one to the #1 and Rangers Hose Company concerning the meeting and asking for two Representatives of their choice. **Motion** to approve Secretary to send Fire Companies letters made by M. Huss, seconded by F. McDonald. Voted. All. Motion carried.
- f. Assistant Fire Chief R. Krick, should go along with that.
- g. Public Safety Committee representatives D. Heiser, we had talked about it one two years ago Frank had brought it to our attention if we meet monthly we can save \$500 on our Borough insurance. R. Krick, our Worker's Comp. D. Heiser, We had talked about it last night after the parade meeting and we are going to set something up for meeting with having a public safety meeting after the Fireman's Relief meeting every month. The Fireman's Relief meeting is at 7? First Monday of the month. Except for April, April is different. So we are going to meet after the Fireman's Relief Meeting at 7 then we're going to meet here at 7:30.
- h. Hans Deibler Jr. parking lot for Seconded Street Bar property R. Krick, you spoke to him Dan. D. Heiser, yeah I spoke to him. I was talking to Jean Ann today. I guess the guy he had to clean up was giving him the run around so he contacted Wes. He's going to clean up but the problem is kind of appears the person Schultz bought the land off. Kind of gave him I'll get this Waleed guy to sell you the property. Well he will sell it to him for \$10,000. He didn't acquire that property yet. He is going to clean up the one he does own. Then it's his fight with them am I correct Jean Ann? His battle he's going to try to deal with that Waleed and try to acquire that property. As far as the parking lot thing is on hold because he don't own that property on the corner. R. Krick, it obviously wouldn't make sense to exit on to Seconded St. D. Heiser, he did contact Wes Contraction about cleaning it up and once he gets the money together Wes will have it out of there 2-3 days.
- i. Security cameras R. Krick, we spoke about those last month. We did get a price \$3,625.00 and that was for five cameras no. Well if you go all the way through it was broken down in sections so that. If we decided to do anything we could do a little bit or a lot. The minimum is \$3625. I'm not sure we wanted to spend that much money we wanted to look into alternatives for that. Really would like to get a very good camera on the recycling center. That could pick up license plate numbers and peoples wonderful faces when they destroy things over there throw stuff around. So we're going to continue to look at that.
- j. Soliciting signs. R. Krick, ok so the Soliciting signs were done. They were taken care of.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. R. Krick read Letter from Deer Lake Borough for approval for Fire police during parade March 24th 2018.
- b. R. Krick, got a Thank you card for letting the Little League use the Borough hall.
- c. R. Krick, there is a request to use Borough Hall March 19th from 7pm-9pm Active shooter seminar hosted by the Girardville Ambulance. D. Heiser, actually we'll be meeting at 6pm to set up, the program from 7-9 and it's for emergency personnel. **Motion** to allow Ambulance to use Borough hall made by F. McDonald, seconded by M. Huss. Voted. All. Motion carried.
- d. R. Krick, the other thing to discuss is boarding up houses on Ogden Street.
- e. Tax Claim Bureau sale of purchase parcel 45-06-0081.000 property 0 N. seconded purchase for \$750 buy Hans Deibler. **Motion** to approve the sale of parcel 45-06-0081 made by D. Heiser, seconded by M. Huss. Voted. All. Motion carried.
- f. R. Krick, today was a program I stopped here for a bit not to long. It was concerning Northern Schuylkill County Development Project. There's help available and there weren't too many people here. To help people with their electric bills, elderly people, and people with housing problems. I think it is going through Community Action if I'm right. A lot of people from Community Action were here today. If anyone wanted to get help. There weren't too many people around I don't think there was a couple. So they are going to have another meeting and I would suggest people really look at this because these people are willing to help anybody. Its March 15th it's not going to be here. It's going to be at Mahanoy City library and from 12:30 to 4:30pm. There will be people there you can talk to about assistance from Mid Penn Legal Services as far as electric bills, utility bills, getting caught up if your behind. If your low income possibility of getting rate reductions on power and even some forgiveness. I encourage anybody who is in that situation. To go to that meeting.
- g. Mayor Catizone, can I get a motion to hire Officers? R. Krick, yeah if you want to do that you can do that under Police report but if you want to do it. Mayor Catizone, I don't have a police report this month I'm sorry. I would like to see if one of the Council members would make a motion to allow the Borough to hire one day Police Officers at a \$20 hr rate to help out with Security with the Parade they will be on as Girardville Police Officers for the day. Same process as we went through last year where we hired them on for the day so they were covered under our Liability. D. Heiser, the pay that they get does come from the permits? Mayor Catizone, workers get paid out from the Borough correct. The money we make from the Permit Solicitation fees is what we had done. **Motion** to hire Police Officers one day for the St. Patrick 's Day parade at a rate of \$20 an hour made by D. Heiser, seconded by F. McDonald. Voted. All. Motion carried.
- h. Mayor Catizone, I was asked by the parade committee if the Borough Council would consider exempting non-profit organizations from the solicitation fees this year. There were questions on that. I ask the Borough solicitor what his opinion was like the local organization boy scouts girl scouts should be covered as long as their national organization is covered as non-profit the local organizations would be covered also. I would like to ask someone to make a motion for non-profit organization from solicitation fees this year for the parade. R. Krick, is there a motion? D. Heiser, is that non-profit in the Borough organizations? R. Krick, I don't know how you do that. Mayor Catizone, your right that's

were you get into it. R. Krick, the discussion is what determines non-profit and who's not a non-profit. D. Heiser, non-profit 5013C but what I'm saying is local non-profits but what if it's the Schuylkill Haven Boy Scouts that want to come in and say we're non-profit? R. Krick, there's got to be some guidelines that don't let this thing start to move all over the place. Mayor Catizone, we didn't exempt anybody last year everyone paid the solicitation fees. Had there been money left over after paying the payroll for the Police, yes we agreed that would be the best thing to probably do is donate it back to the local organizations. However, the Borough Council decided to do that. Unfortunately we weren't able to cover the ends meat. However, we did receive a check from A.O.H. to help cover the expenses for everything. That was a weird situation. So it's completely up to you guys I'm throwing it out there. Just to see if someone is willing to make that motion. How do we determine I don't exactly know? D. Heiser, that's the way it is just let everybody pay and if there is any money left over we can decide who to give their money back to. M. Huss, if their out side a five mile range. R. Krick, this is an Ordinance it's not. I don't think we have a whole lot of maybe we do have a whole lot of discussion but it's an Ordinance it say if you solicit in this Borough you pay this money. Once it starts changing around I don't know where you go with it. My own personal opinion there should be set guidelines if we're going to give exceptions and if not and you want make everybody pay and reimburse people you think should. I don't know. And who has the discretion to say who pays and who doesn't. I think the Ordinance speaks for itself. If somebody wants to make a motion. Mayor Catizone, its fine if there is no motion go ahead move on. R. Krick, if somebody wants to make a motion to pay certain people its fine you know I don't have a problem with it. D. Heiser, I have no problem making a motion. Mayor Catizone, I know but it's hard to differentiate I understand it. M. Huss, is there an actual Ordinance? Mayor Catizone, yes its 2012-2 I think. M. Huss, does it state non-profit? Mayor Catizone, no anyone soliciting a permit that day. R. Krick, I don't think it has any exemptions the Ordinance itself. I mean if that is how you want to do it in the future change the Ordinance up to the discretion of someone. But at this point there is no discretion. Mayor Catizone, and that's fine. R. Krick, the only thing I'd would point out like the Fire Companies and people that have their own buildings even though they are not 5013c whatever. Mayor Catizone, no their good. R. Krick, you know if you're doing it inside your own building the Borough has, its people on the Street those vendors that it only applies to. It's not like the Church is selling hot dogs and we're going charge them whatever the going rate is. What is it? Mayor Catizone, \$100. R. Krick, \$100 you have to sell a lot of stuff to come up with one hundred bucks.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. R. Krick, I guess this thing we never dealt with was who is going to be the contact for PenTeleData. Anybody want to be the contact for PenTeleData? Mike Huss wants to do it. **Motion** to make Mike Huss the contact for PenTeleData made by D. Heiser, seconded by F. McDonald. Voted. All. Motion carried.
- b. R. Krick, Pa One Call proclamation to designate April as the Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month. **Motion** to accept the month of April as Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month made by D. Heiser, seconded by M. Huss. Voted. All. Motion carried.
- c. PP&L disclose our information signature form. R. Krick, we have other companies.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Street: D. Heiser, read out a list for the month of February what the Street Department workers had completed. Salt doggy vibrator broke and they had to shovel the salt off to replace it. Normal weekly work was preformed. The starter on the Kubota broke and replaced it. Replaced a drain at the A Street School. Washed the vehicles and replaced lights in the Food Pantry up at the A Street School. Took all the garbage from the School and here to the landfill. They went around town and measured what they thought were the worst storm drains. Looked into getting a price to get them fixed. Hosed the driveway out. Put up no soliciting signs. Cleaned up around the recycling center. The Police car was taken out for a recall. Put new orange strobe light on the Kubota. Seconded Street part of A Street they put two tons of cold patch in.

Blight: R. Krick, I would like to meet again before the Sewer Authority meeting which is next Thursday. D. Heiser, while we are on that the land bank meets next Wednesday. Chris Gulotta went with me. Chris Gulotta came and we took a walk around town. There were several properties we looked at and I printed it out but I left it at work today. There are six properties in town that the land bank is going to look into purchasing off the County if funding is available for demolition. Kind of like they would purchase it turn it over to us and they would do their thing. They will discuss that at the next land bank meeting and I will. There are six, four on Ogden Street two on Main that they are going to look into acquiring. If funding would be available to demolish. Pretty much the same thing we did when we put in for the demolish money. If funding is available the land bank will try to acquire them if funding is not available then their not going to acquire them. I'll have more information on that next week. R. Krick, will meet before the Sewer Authority meeting is at 7? C. Squires, yes. R. Krick, so 6 O'clock. They meet at 7 we'll meet at 6. D. Heiser, alright well the land bank meeting is Wednesday so I'll let you know at that meeting. R. Krick, yeah we'll be able to see where we're at there.

No other committee had anything.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No Public Comment.

Other Business:

R. Krick, I did bring this up in there. We have to change who is on the State listed as open records officer because it's still Mary Beth Dougherty from a long time ago. I was doing some research on the open records law and they list everybody and every Municipality who the open records officer should be and Danny has been doing it. But he's not on the State list so we just have to fill the paper out I think.

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:** April 12, 2018 **TIME:** 7:30 PM

OPEN MEETING

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

ROLL CALL

Members present: Charles Marquardt, Fredrick McDonald, Mike Huss, Mayor Joseph Catizone Jr., and Robert Krick. Attorney Christopher Riedlinger is in the Borough Office. Members absent: Daniel Heiser.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA: No Comment made by the Public.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

Minutes: Motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting made by C. Marquardt, seconded by F. McDonald. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Motion to accept the report made by F. McDonald, seconded by C. Marquardt. On the Question R. Krick, what was the total amount of money we borrowed from Tax Anticipation Note? C. Squires, \$10,000.00. R. Krick, that's all we borrowed? C. Squires, that's all you gave me permission too. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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

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

Permit Officer's report: No permits were issued.

Fire Chief's report: Motion to accept the report as submitted made by C. Marquardt, seconded by F. McDonald. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Code Enforcement report: C. Marquardt, Code Report Rob? R. Krick, no I don't see one.

Magistrates Report: Motion to accept the magistrates report. No copies of report passing down for review. Motion to accept report made by C. Marquardt, seconded by M. Huss. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Attorney Christopher Riedlinger entered the meeting at 7:45pm.

BILLS

Motion to approve the bill list as submitted and read was made by C. Marquardt, seconded by F. McDonald. On the question M. Huss, On the Girardville Account quick report as of March 31st Kosar is on here for \$893.76 but on the bills its \$695. Says on 3/08. C. Squires, we just got another delivery. M. Huss, I'm saying it's another 700 dollar bill in two three weeks. Does that make sense to anyone? I'll look into it. Vote. All. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. American Power and Gas rates. R. Krick, that is up in the air Danny is looking into that. He is not here.
- b. Request for Handicap parking 202 E. Ogden Street. R. Krick, that's still under consideration.
- c. Federal Emergency Management Agency Letter from PEMMA. C. Riedlinger, I don't have any answers to that. R. Krick, I think all that is, is they designated change in that lot. C. Riedlinger, if think your right I don't have it with me.
- d. Security cameras. R. Krick, we decided not to go with the loan proposal we had we are going to look at other options because that would cost us a couple thousands dollars.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Ashes will be picked up only on Fridays starting April 27th.
- b. Curbside recycling will begin last Tuesday of each month starting on April 24th 2018.
- c. Installing Free Smoke Alarms in the Borough Saturday, April 21st 9:30 am – 3pm. American Red Cross Tri-County Chapter. R. Krick, somebody from the Fire Companies want to talk about that? F. Zangari, the two Fire Companies Gilberton Borough and Girardville are together on that day. There is a number to call now 276-1358 if you want ten year smoke alarms installed in your house for free. American Red Cross will only

install them. So they're not going to hand them out only install them. Everyone is included Apartments, stores, everybody there is no exceptions if you want them to you got to sign up. Saturday, April 21st they'll start in Gilberton Borough then should be in Girardville around 11 O'clock to start working in teams. They must be installed.

- d. Lot parcel 45-08-0107.000 approval or disapproval of Sale. From Schuylkill County Tax Claim Bureau. R. Krick, its 247 Preston Ave. looks to be just a lot in the photo the County sent. C. Squires, no I printed that out for you guys. C. Riedlinger, its unimproved land according to the Assessment there is no building on it. R. Krick, any objection to the purchase of that lot? It's a Cheryl Hewitt, Inc. from Pocono Lake, Pa the Price is \$912. For an empty lot on Preston Avenue. Annetta Whitecavage, do we know anything about who is buying it? Do they own any other properties in town or anything? R. Krick, I'm not aware of any. I don't know. J. Catizone, you said it's an LLC right. R. Krick, it says incorporated. If we don't do anything it will be considered approved. C. Riedlinger, by some date I don't know the date. R. Krick, by May 11th to respond if we disagree with the sale. C. Riedlinger, it's very liberal with the bases to disapprove. So if you want to disapprove it I'm not sure if you have to give a reason. It does say for disapproval what is the reasons but from my understanding of the law on this you can disapprove this. What is the date of your May meeting before or after May 11th? C. Squires, May 10th. C. Riedlinger, the next date is your deadline or it's going to be approved. So to be safe if you want to disapprove it. I'm not recommending you do. But if you want to you ought to vote on it tonight to make sure the Tax Claim gets this before the deadline comes and goes. R. Krick, anybody have any problem with this property? M. Huss, I'm just wondering if we had time before the next work session. C. Riedlinger, it says you haven't responded by May 11th then the Tax Claim office will deemed the sale approved. So if on the 10th you voted to disapprove it and faxed it to them the first thing in the morning I don't know how they treat that because we'll it says if you fail to respond on or before May 11th so it sounds to me like you could respond on May 11th and get your response in but it is cutting it real close though. R. Krick, I have no idea why we would object to it no one knows anything about it. C. Riedlinger, I'm not recommending you approve either I'm not recommending you do either but if it's a vacant lot its not like it's a property in disrepair and going to remain in disrepair it's a vacant lot. R. Krick, its only 12 feet wide so to build anything on it is almost impossible. We're not going to take any action on it. M. Huss, like Chris said just let it go. C. Riedlinger, if

between May 10th you discover a reason to say no probably can still get it in on time the morning of May 11th. R. Krick, so if anyone wants to do some homework or thinks there is a problem.

- e. Letter from Entech on behalf of Girardville Borough. R. Krick, there is an application that I signed. It's concerning Line Street Storm water Improvement Project and we had to sign an application to DEP to get the permit for discharge if I remember correctly from what Don Cuff said. Motion to approve permit made by C. Marquardt, seconded by M. Huss. Voted. All. Motion carried.
- f. Letter from Schuylkill Community Action announcing 2018 funding. Affordable Housing. R. Krick, we're not going to apply for anything.
- g. Letter from DEP Final Report-Soil at new homes located on Main Street and Oak.
- h. Commonwealth of PA Fuel Card Program. C. Squires, that could be your new gas card. Its still through WEX and State like you have only you'll get a few cents off your bill every time you swipe your card. If your interested in upgrading the gas card. R. Krick, no deadline to apply. Apply by 6/30 Ok. We'll look at that at the next work session.
- i. Service Electric Cablevision advance of upcoming product updates/rate adjustments. R. Krick, is that also increase in pricing. So increase in price.
- j. Schuylkill Community Action request to adopt Resolution 2018-2 Amendment to Developer Loan Agreement. C. Riedlinger, the request to have Rob execute on behalf of the Borough a Modified or Amended Developer Loan Agreement back in October of 2016 a Developer OAN Agreement was approved between the Borough, SCA, and Schuylkill County but since that agreement was approved the amount of home funds used on the project was increased from \$500,000 to \$861,195.00 so they want to amend the Developer Loan Agreement to reflect the number actually used supposed from the \$500,000 stated with in it. So 2018-2 Resolution authorizes you to sign on behalf of the Borough the modified agreement reflecting that change and also gives notice to the Community the Borough to everybody that a restrictive covenant was filed at the Recorder of Deeds Office about three weeks ago. That we'll run with the land for 20 years to ensure that the owner of the land Schuylkill Community Action follows the home regulations established by the Federal Government in renting that property out to low income housing applicants. The owner of property SCA doesn't follow regulations they can be made to repay some of the home funds that was used in the project. Motion to adopt Resolution 2018-2 made by C. Marquardt, seconded by F. McDonald. Voted. All. Motion carried.

- k. Schuylkill Community Action request to adopt Resolution 2018-3 Keystone Grant. C. Riedlinger, Resolution 2018-3 then is the resolution that adjusts the budget numbers to be actually consistent to the monies actually paid out during the project so that the finally paperwork submitted to the State matches what was actually paid. Motion to adopt Resolution 2018-3 made by C. Marquardt, seconded by M. Huss. Voted. All. Motion carried.
- l. 124 A Street Apply for Demolish permit property owed by the Borough. Motion to approve to sign Demolition permit made by C. Marquardt, seconded by M. Huss. Voted. All. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

School Building: F. McDonald, I have Girardville Basketball Association donated \$500 for renting and toward utility costs for the school. C. Marquardt, thanked the Girardville Basketball Association for the donation. We really appreciate it.

Police: Mayor Catizone, received resignation from Officer Jody Long as Officer in Charge. Jody wants to stay on as Part-time Officer in the Borough.

Motion to approve resignation from Jody Long as Officer In Charge made by F. McDonald, seconded by M. Huss. Voted. All. Motion carried.

Mayor Catizone, Officer Williams is willing to become OIC again.

Motion to approve Mathew Williams as Officer In Charge made by M. Huss, seconded by F. McDonald. Voted. All. Motion carried.

Mayor Catizone, Officer Williams has done a great job with the community as has Officer Long. I would like to see Officer Williams promoted to the rank of Lieutenant would any Council members be willing to make that motion?

Motion to promoted Officer Mathew Williams to Lieutenant made by M. Huss, seconded by F. McDonald. On the question C. Marquardt, there a pay increase with that? Mayor Catizone, there is no pay increase. No pay increase. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Mayor Catizone, last month in March we approved one day hiring of Officers for added security for the parade. Although we did it last month the parade now is falling into this month can I get a motion to approve the hiring one day officers? We have some State Constables coming some also Municipal Officers will be bolstering our Police force for the day can I get an approval to hire one day Police Officers?

Motion to hire on day Police Officers for the St. Patrick's Day Parade made by F. McDonald, seconded by C. Marquardt. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Solicitor: C. Riedlinger, I filed a tax exemption: to lift a tax exemption not to get one. On a property on A Street that's owned by Richard Wagner and the Community Church of Truth tax number 45-07-91. The hearing on that is May 8th at 10:45am in the Commissioners Board Room at the Schuylkill County Court House. The burden of proof even though we are the partitioning party is on the Tax payer the owner of the property to establish the right to continuous exemption. He would have to prove that he uses the property for some Church or Religious purpose to get that exemption. Frankie is going to come I believe we talked earlier. He is going to come on behalf of the Borough in case I need a witness to tell the board the condition of that property and there isn't really anything to be taken place with in it. We are trying to get the exemption lifted on that and the hearing will be on the 8th at 10:45.

C. Riedlinger, one thing to mention. I don't know if this is going to be a problem in Girardville or not but one of the other Municipalities that I represent Code Enforcement Officer filed a petition in Judge Hale's Office. A citation in Judge Hale's Office and was told by Judge Hale's Office that the Ordinance he listed on the citation had expired and would not schedule a hearing on the matter. I called to find out what that could mean because Ordinances don't expire. They don't go away over time they would have to amended or withdrawn by future Ordinances. From what I've been able to gather the administrative office that oversees Pennsylvania's Courts and keeps records of all Court proceedings has a computer program that seems to consider a loss such as a Borough Ordinance to have expired after a period of nonuse so when you enter it on a citation the AOPC Records are showing Ordinance having expired and this some how prevents Judge Hale's Office from scheduling a hearing on the matter. Unless you get the Ordinance reinstitute at the AOPC not reenacted by the Borough but known to the AOPC. Mary Beth Dougherty, are you serious? C. Riedlinger, so if we have this problem in Girardville let me know because Judge Hale's Office is telling me it's really a simple matter just like sending a letter saying this Ordinance is still a valid Borough Ordinance. Mary Beth Dougherty, that's ridiculous. C. Riedlinger, yes it is. Mary Beth Dougherty, that's ridiculous. That's a fluke in their system. That needs to get straightened out. C. Riedlinger, so if you have a problem if the Code Enforcement Officer has a problem filing a citation under any Borough Ordinance let me know and I'll try to correct the problem but I don't want to scare you but I did ask Judge Hale's Office to send me a copy of all expired Ordinances for all the Municipalities that I represent and here is Girardville's list it's two pages long. M. Dougherty, would you be willing to share that? I want to take it to my boss because that is ridiculous. C. Riedlinger, yeah I'll give you a copy after the meeting. M. Dougherty, that's a problem for Municipalities. That is ridiculous. That needs to get straightened out at AOPC that is ridiculous. C. Riedlinger, I will say this. That list is so extensive I'm wondering if they mistakenly sent me ones that are still recognized as supposed to the ones that are expired. I asked them to send me the list of the expired ones and this is what I got. So it's two pages long. M. Dougherty, what is kind of interesting though to see what ones happening that haven't been used that's kind of interesting too. C. Riedlinger, the reason that I said to you why I questioned if they sent me an accurate list from Judge Hale's Office is some of the ones that appear on this list I do believe we used in the recent past. Because they're not things that were enacted in 1974 like the Quality of Life Ordinance appears on it. This is the list I got

when I asked them to send me the list of expired Ordinances. C. Riedlinger, will send a letter basically saying all Ordinances are still valid. C. Marquardt, then they'll confirm it and move forward. C. Riedlinger, that's what I'm told. The place that this happened was Gordon Borough and they weren't able to file a citation under one of their Ordinances because of this problem. M. Dougherty, shouldn't it even be the Courts saying something of Municipal Ordinances expired. Shouldn't it be up to the defense to use that as a reason that the citation should get thrown out. C. Riedlinger, I don't understand how the system works because I'm not apart of it. I do know that under this new system a lot of the Court Officers have in place. That once something is established at the AOPC their computer system. The District Justices can't necessarily over rule that. I'll just give you one minor example on a little bit of a different topic. I know from my public defender work that with Judge Ferrier in Orwigsburg where I typically do my work for public defender office. If he enters something in the system already as far as like a bail situation. He can not then go back in and change it once it's in. It really has something to do with the system that the DJ's are hooked up to that they don't have access to do things. Once the AOPC recognizes something as having then done. It's not exactly the same situation it's just indicative in how the District Justices lose control of things at some point and the computers won't let them make changes or corrections. M. Dougherty, it goes back to being the judicial computer system. C. Riedlinger, it goes back to being the AOPC at some point. So if there is a problem let me know, hopefully there is not.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Edna Labie, as a member of our Girardville Seniors we have an opportunity to get a much better piano for over in that room. It is going to be donated to us. I want to ask permission for our Borough workers to use the Borough truck to go over to Lavelle and get it for us. Our seniors will pay a landfill if they'll take the old one. If not maybe it can be broke up for when the clean up day is done down in the school yard but our seniors will foot the cost of getting rid of the old one. The better piano would be beneficial to anyone that would use the hall for any activity and I do know that piano is in very bad shape over there.

Motion to allow Borough workers to assist the seniors with the removal and bring in the new piano in to the municipal building made by C. Marquardt, seconded by F. McDonald. Voted. All. Motion carried.

C. Marquardt, read out NFPA (National Fire Protection Association). On March 12th 2018 Quincy Maine Frank Zangari of the Girardville Fire Department has been selected by the NFPA to receive a stars scholarship award for his dedication and effectively reaching the public with fire safety education. As an award recipient Zangari will attend in a few days conference expo in Las Vegas, Nevada in June. Where he will participate training sessions, conference events, and a reception. Frank has constantly demonstrated a strong commitment to reducing Girardville residents risk to fire and related fire hazards. He is truly deserving of this award and we are thrilled to have him attend this year's conference. NFPA choose thirteen scholarship recipients from the

United States and Canada. Who provide assistance and innovation outreach in their community actively uses and implements NFPA resources and programs. Including not burning and remembering when and fire prevention week. Promote NFPA in their community, State, and more enthusiastic fire life safety educators interested in learning about NFPA programs and materials. Each scholarship is valued at approximately \$2,000.00 and includes travel, conference, registration, and lodging. C. Marquardt, at this time on behalf of myself and the Borough I want to Congratulate Frank on this award and good luck going forward. Audience Applauses Frank Zangari.

Betty Ann Bernosky, is there a Blight meeting this month Rob? R. Krick, oh yeah next week on Thursday. Mayor Catizone, Thursday before GAMA. R. Krick, there will be a better update because Danny is more familiar with where it is going with the land bank on the properties were supposed to purchase. Mayor Catizone, what time? R. Krick, 6 O'clock.

Motion to adjourn made by C. Marquardt, seconded by M. Huss. Vote. All. Motion carried

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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** May 10, 2018 **TIME:** 7:30 PM

OPEN MEETING

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

ROLL CALL

Members present: Fred McDonald, Mike Huss, Daniel Heiser, Robert Krick, and Christopher Riedlinger Attorney.

Members absent: Charles Marquardt and Mayor Joseph Catizone Jr.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA: No Comment made by the public.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

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

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

Tax Collector's reports: Motion to accept the reports and pay the tax collector made by D. Heiser, seconded by F. McDonald. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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

Code Enforcement report: Motion to accept the report as submitted made seconded by D. Heiser, seconded by F. McDonald. On the question D. Heiser, we had talked at the work session we're going to reach out to him and sit down with him hopefully one day next week. I will let you know when he is available. R. Krick, yeah let me know. 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.

R. Krick, Seconded Street property she left a note says this week supposed to be the week to be started for it to be cleaned up and we are getting late in the week.

BILLS

Motion to approve the bill list as submitted and read was made by F. McDonald, seconded by M. Huss. On the question R. Krick, transfer an error? C. Squires, yes checks. R. Krick, Keystone grant General Fund. Is that the check we got and transferred to SCA? C. Squires, Keystone Grant submitted it in the General Fund we made the check submitted to Schuylkill Community Action for the housing project up on Main Street. Vote. All. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. American Power and Gas rates. D. Heiser, I got the PP&L rates we already have American Power and Gas that's what we are using all we have to do is compare them and decide. R. Krick, maybe we should do that next work session decide.
- b. Request for Handicap parking 202 E. Ogden Street. D. Heiser, we talked about that that's the property where the deck posts are out on the street and the ramp goes to the next house. I don't know where we can put it. Need to physically look at it. Can we table that? I'm not saying no they can't have it, I'm not saying I'm against it, Just where?
- c. Federal Emergency Management Agency Letter from PEMMA. D. Heiser, I guess the property on Seconded Street I don't remember exactly which one. They requested from PEMMA. They requested a change of map. Basically they are petitioning PEMMA to a conditional letter for map revision to try and maybe get it out of the flood plains so they can maybe build on it. That's in PEMMA's hands not ours right now. That's why they notified us. R. Krick, change of mapping. D. Heiser, they notified us because according to that guy the proper channels to follow and request a permit from the Borough and then PEMMA depending what they are building they would have to get an Engineer surveyor to come in and issue a no rise certificate basically saying if it were to rise there it would not raise the water around it and PEMMA would say yes or no and then apply back to us and we would say yes or no and that's how they explained it. They only sent us the three pages out of four. That's all that really was.
- d. Security cameras was not discussed.
- e. Commonwealth of PA Fuel Card Program was not discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Primary Election Day Tuesday, May 15, 2018 in the Municipal Building. R. Krick, Girardville and Butler is here, building available at 6am and voting from 7am to Wade O 8? Wade Richards, 8. R. Krick, ok.
- b. Letter from Attorney Lloyd Hampton read by R. Krick. The purchasers are will to bid at a higher price.
- c. Sale of 45-03-0052. Tax Claim Bureau approval or Disapprove letter. Tom Clark, where is the lot? C. Riedlinger, 615 East Mahanoy. Annetta Whitecavage, it's a home not a lot. R. Krick, it's a home. A. Whitecavage, he said it's a lot so I just

was telling him. R. Krick, I was just going by parcel I'm sorry. **Motion** to disapprove the sale made by D. Heiser, seconded by F. McDonald. Voted. All. Motion carried.

- d. R. Krick read out the 2018 Summer Food Program and location at the B Street Park. Starting June 11th 2018. No lunch on July 4th for holiday. Will end in August 17, 2018. If someone wants to travel. Breakfast will be made available daily from 8am to 9am at the Mahanoy Area Middle School. Meals will not be available July 3rd or July 4th due to the holiday. Meals will be provided to all children under the age of 18 with out charge. No adults can participate in the program. Acceptance and participation requirements of the program and all activities are the same regardless of race, color, national origin, gender, age, or disability. All lunches must be consumed on site, they cannot be taken home. Lunch will be provided at the sites and the times are as follows. The one that applies to us Girardville Playground park times 11:15am to 12:15pm.
- e. Letter from Girardville Hometown Heroes Committee read by R. Krick. D. Heiser, I talked to Mike and Jimmy about that it is on they're to do list. When they trimmed them the last time. I forget who they hired. I think it was Girardville Pride or somebody they donated the cost for the additional weed wacker. Annetta Whitecavage, there is just a few that you can't see the Banners. Thank you.
- f. Letter from Alicia Rutkauskas, Girardville Clean a Block. Read by R. Krick. When is to be determined. Information call Alicia at 781-801-0020 if you'd like to participate or join in. Pastor Bob, we just putting out there an idea. Maybe you can tell us where you would like us to start. Get it out there to get more people help us one block at a time one house at a time. R. Krick, we can post this at Borough hall. James Petusky, you know where to start Rob that lower A street behind the Rangers lot. That's like a jungle back there. Trim the trees clean it up make the Borough guy's hall the stuff away. It's a mess back there. R. Krick, keep us updated if you come up with a date. Maybe we can possibly help out. Michelle McManus who was with the group asked if they can post anything on the poles with your permission? R. Krick, that is not our determination. I don't think you're supposed to but a lot of people do. I think PP&L says you shouldn't. D. Heiser, paper string they don't want you to staple them. R. Krick, tape I think. D. Heiser, then you have to take them down. A. Whitecavage, can you repeat that phone number again? R. Krick, yes. D. Heiser, 781-801-0020. A. Whitecavage, thank you.
- g. R. Krick, the only report I have here is the magistrate report. \$378.19 is what we got.
- h. Signs for park fence. D. Heiser, a couple of complaints that the kids are climbing the park fence. They're climbing over it to get out so it's not probably going to stop them but I think if maybe someone got hurt. Getting one or two signs do not climb the fence. It shouldn't be that expensive. Do we need a motion to purchase a couple of those? Motion to purchase a couple of signs not to climb the fence made by D. Heiser, seconded by M. Huss. R. Krick, we have no idea the cost? D.

Heiser, I'll change my **motion** to get a price on signs and we'll decide next meeting. Voted. All. Motion carried.

- i. Changing locks on Borough Hall. D. Heiser, last work session Mayor Catizone was saying if we think about it over the years how many keys were given out we really have no track of them. We're not saying people have them that we don't give them to. We don't know who has keys. We know who have keys but we don't know everybody who has keys is what we're saying I guess. Police Officers past Council. Motion to call in a price to come in pricing the two lock on the Borough Hall. R. Krick, how many different keys are in the Borough Hall? Just one for here? D. Heiser, just one for the building. Because the other keys are no good if they can't get in. If they have a key for the Office. R. Krick, ok. D. Heiser, I believe the only two garage and front door. Re-keying two so I'll call to get a price. Motion to call and get a price to re-key the front door and garage door made by D. Heiser, seconded by M. Huss. Voted. All. Motion carried.
- j. D. Heiser, we interviewed last week Frankie Gallo a Police Officer lives in Shenandoah. Works in Mahanoy Township and he came recommended by Matt. We interviewed him I think we all kind of like him. I think he would be a good addition. He is a 25 year old and hasn't been on long so we'll bring him in at our regular starting rate. Not like when we hired the more experienced Police Officers and gave them more starting rate. Bring him on at the normal starting rate which is \$12.50 Candice? C. Squires, \$13. D. Heiser, \$13.00 and when he's on his own he'll still get the premium shift rates because that's set but his regular rate will be \$13 hr to start and normal probation thing then the raises. Motion to hire Frankie Gallo at \$13 hr and raises during probation periods made by D. Heiser seconded by M. Huss. Voted. All. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Letters from Attorneys. R. Krick, there's one here concerning a bankruptcy we should show these to the solicitor and another change of a bankruptcy as I can gather. Maybe you can review those at some point.
- b. Flyers and magazines.
- c. R. Krick, something from USDA.
- d. R. Krick, this is something we didn't talk about we do have PLIGIT account and any additional monies to stash if we had any additional monies to stash. We probably would be better to put in this account. Because the interest rate is much higher and return rate is much bigger. If we have any accumulated monies that would pay any interest that's what we should be looking at. D. Heiser, I had done the same thing before that you just asked. I think we just called it PLIGIT fund. R. Krick, isn't a PLIGIT fund. D. Heiser, it's just a place to put money that going to get quick turn around. It's going to come in and come out. We can do that in the General fund. R. Krick, I think if we have any long term money that we want to set in this. C. Squires, you can change that name to maybe with the bank so it is

less confusing to Grant account. That way when you get grants in it sits there by itself. D. Heiser, yeah. R. Krick, yeah. It's just named incorrectly. C. Squires, it does help to have an account you don't use especially like the low volume road projects because it goes in there and it does take awhile for the project to get done. You actually get to use it to pay it but you don't see it go in and come right out. Like a normal account. R. Krick, I think any long term money that you think you want to accumulate I think would be better in the PLIGIT account with the State simple because the amount of interest is greater.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Street: D. Heiser, its grass cutting season. That's pretty much what they are doing. I asked Mike to put together a list what they need. Rakes, shovels, and stuff for the summer and just didn't put it in my mailbox today so I will call him tomorrow morning. One thing we talked about at the work session with the Kubota. We talked about it to buy another Kubota or get a loan for another Kubota or backhoe. The maintenance on it for the little use we'll have for it might be better off when needed to rent one. We should look into maybe coming up with a way. I don't know when the Police car is paid off I think it's this year. Maybe looking into getting a bobcat or something so they can load salt coming into the winter months someone is going to get hurt in that bobcat it should just go to the junk yard tomorrow. Kubota I mean. It's just bad you seen it Fred. Put the bucket up and down. R. Krick, the only thing you know a bobcat does the bucket lift high enough to go on the dump truck. You'd have to build a ramp. D. Heiser, they have one now. M. Huss, we looked into that it goes high enough. R. Krick, it goes high enough? M. Huss, yeah. D. Heiser, that's something in the summer we have to look into. James Petusky, how is that worn out already? It's about ten years old. It shouldn't be worn out for the amount of use it gets. Its lack of maintenance I mean. It shouldn't be worn out in ten years Dan. D. Heiser, I agree but I can't change the fact that it is. We sat down a couple of times to try and get it fixed and rewiring. J. Petusky, if something gets damaged they're ultimately responsible for it that should last twenty- thirty years the way it gets used. D. Heiser, I believe they bought that new. J. Petusky, yeah I was still working here. R. Krick, yeah. J. Petusky, they leave it sit down there in the yard down there. It should be kept undercover and oil changed regularly. Maintenance preformed on it. It shouldn't be worn out. It's a little ridiculous. D. Heiser, that's kind of. J. Petusky, you figure the hours used on that, that's kind of crazy for it to be worn out. D. Heiser, that's kind of what we took into consideration with buying another one because the maintenance will kill you for not using it. R. Krick, yeah we can't buy anything new.

Blight: R. Krick, next week blight meeting? D. Heiser, that actually might be a good night to get Bill to come down earlier before. That night is the sewer authority meeting. That's on Thursdays. Maybe Bill can come Tuesday or Wednesday next week. Yeah I'll be around for the Blight meeting. R. Krick, there will be a Blight Committee meeting next Thursday at 6 o'clock. Solicitor: C. Riedlinger, Council President Krick and I attended tax exemption hearings on May 8th earlier this week. The Borough filed a petition to seek the exemption on the Church property at 0 A Street lifted. The owner of the property didn't show up for the hearing. President Krick testified that the property is no longer seemingly capable of being used for religious services based on its condition. I don't have the decision yet at the Assessment Board but it would be shocking to me if the exemption remains in place. I should have the decision in the mail in the next couple of days. We also opposed an exemption request on behalf of the Community Mission that we heard from earlier today. They were seeking to have an exemption granted at

properties at 120 and 122 Line Street. The properties however are being used primarily for a residence for the, I think the lady that was here earlier for husband and young children. But because she was a member of the Church they were seeking to get an exemption but we opposed that. Once again I don't have the decision because they weren't mailed out yet the hearings were just on Tuesday. I'm expecting from the things said at the hearing and questions that were asked by the County Solicitor we're probably going to be successful on that as well. Once again I don't have the actual decisions to tell you for sure how they were decided. I also found out in doing some tax assessment hearings in this past week that the County is taking the position that if municipality acquired property solely to demolish blighted structures on it through County demolition funds their accepting that as sufficient public use of the property to justify a tax exemption. So for the next round of hearing that takes place in the fall. I plan on filing tax exemption petition requests on all of them six properties that we currently own. That we acquired solely to have the structures demolished on. Provided of course that we still own them. Later this year by September the 1st when the petitions have to be filed. So as long as we don't convey those properties to someone else in the meantime if the Borough wants to vote to authorize me to file tax exemption petitions on all six of them we should do that. If someone wants to ask for a motion to do that. Motion to allow Solicitor to file tax exemptions made by M. Huss, seconded by D. Heiser. Voted. All. Motion carried. C. Riedlinger, the only other thing I have to report. I'm sure not only the Council but the people in the audience would like to keep up on this a little bit. Mr. Schultz the owner of the property that was demolished and the debris is still lying there. He was in Court recently on the public nuisance charges that were filed against him when his property was over hanging the public road and interfering with traffic on that road. Those nuisance charges are criminal misdemeanor offences. He was before Judge Goodman at the Court of Common Pleas to enter a plea of guilty to those charges. He has a sentencing date scheduled on June 7th in front of Judge Goodman. My understanding and I'm not involved in this actually trying of this case. The Attorney General Office represents the Commonwealth one of the Assistant Public Defenders named Deborah Smith represents Mr. Schultz. My understanding from hearing though people that were involved in the case is that there is an agreement in place that if by the 7th at his hearing he pays the restitution due to the Borough which I think is \$2400 still owned of the demolition costs. The charge will be reduced from a misdemeanor offence to a summary offence he will pay a fine and not be on probation. If he does not pay the restitution by June 7th he'll probably be sentence to twelve months probation. So that's were things stand. Keep your fingers crossed to avoid the costs and hassle of being on probation for a year he pays the money by June 7th. D. Heiser, that's the charges that were filed from Christine Holman. C. Riedlinger, yes. D. Heiser, by citations written by Code. C. Riedlinger, correct. These are the criminal charges filed by the District Attorneys Office. A. Whitecavage, the piles have grown. C. Riedlinger, there is no reason why the Code Officer shouldn't be filing citations under our maintenance Code. R. Krick, I read the note that supposed to start clean up. Mary Beth Dougherty, that's an agreement with the D.A.'s Office right? C. Riedlinger, no the Attorney General. The District Attorney's Office isn't handling this particular case. It was the Attorney General's Office handling it because Mike Stine was the Chief Public defender and was representing Mr. Schultz prior to the turn of the year but when the new District Attorney recently elected took over Mike Stine became the first Assistant District Attorney so there is a conflict in the District Attorney's Office so this is one of many cases currently being handled by the State Attorney General's Office so no the District Attorney's Office is no longer handling it. The Attorney General's Office is handling it. M. Dougherty, they don't think blights a problem. C. Riedlinger, well keep in mind this is not a blight prosecution this is a public nuisance prosecution. M. Dougherty, it's a criminal prosecution on a blighted property. C. Riedlinger, yeah. It is certainly that but for instance just the junk pile there could not resolve in a public nuisance citation because the public nuisance in this case was the fact that traffic was not being

allowed on a public street because of the danger it opposed by the over hanging house. For this particular charge you need more than just something is blighted and the community doesn't like to see it. It has to be affecting. M. Dougherty, unfortunately it's going to get pled down to a summary and it not going to remain a misdemeanor. You can't get the. C. Riedlinger, to be honest with you if you made me guess were not going to have the \$2400 by June 7th so I don't think it going to get bargained down. A. Whitecavage, but he'll still owe the \$2400 even if he goes on probation. C. Riedlinger, correct but this is our best chance to get it quick and easy. R. Krick, its going to cost us money to get the \$2400 back. We're going to incur expenses. Betty Ann Bernosky, who went to the hearing did anybody from Council go? Did you go? Who went to the hearing? C. Riedlinger, I didn't know anything about it until after the fact. Frankie actually told me about it. I looked into it after Frankie told me it happened and found out what happened at it. D. Heiser, it really didn't have nothing to do with Council that was the District Attorney's Office and Mr. Schultz. C. Riedlinger, I mean the Council would have been contacted as the victim of the case to ask what restitution is due and things of that nature but that would have been the only role that someone from the prosecuting authorities would have listed the Borough in.

No other committees to report.

PUBLIC COMMENT

James Petusky, I asked you guys twice about the Permit Officer why there is two different set of rules. Why I got fined. You were supposed to send a letter to her and she could of gave an answer as to why I got fined and at the same time she gave a person who didn't own the land was issued permits. Simple I know what it was. This is the third time I'm asking, I have to hire a lawyer to bring a suite against her abuse of power abuse of her position. I mean it was just an F you thing to me. This guy had a fence up four months before mine. In order to give me a fine Jean Ann had to give him a permit. I mean I can't get an answer in how long? I'm mean if it was a mistake she should have said it was a mistake. D. Heiser, I'm not sure if we ever sent her a letter. R. Krick, no we haven't not that I'm aware of. J. Petusky, it's a simple honest question I'm mean if it was a mistake she would have said it was a mistake. Apparently its not it's more than that. If I have to hire legal advice to go forward with it I will. That's abuse of position. You can't have two sets of rules and give somebody else who don't even own the land a permit. D. Heiser, she was here before the meeting I don't see her here to answer if she was here. If we can Candice tomorrow send her a letter ask her. I'll write something and send it to her I guess. C. Riedlinger, who are we talking about? D. Heiser, Jean Ann the Permit Officer. C. Riedlinger, I know now what you are talking about. I just wanted to know who you were referring to when you say she. Jean Ann who you are talking about. D. Heiser, I will send a letter. R. Krick, send him a copy of it. D. Heiser, I'll copy you on the letter. R. Krick, CC it. J. Petusky, that's all I'm asking of the Borough to say whatever, tell her be truthful.

J. Petusky, I have a question here about your bills too under the Motor Fund under Miller Municipal Supply the road closed signs tripod stand \$547.00 what are they for? The road closed signs. D. Heiser, I wasn't here last meeting I know Mike had asked for them. When were blocking streets off. It's kind of like the deal up here where. J. Petusky, that's what I'm asking for are they for the parade? D. Heiser, no no no they are for when the guys are working. J. Petusky, what about in the boiler room the road closed signs the orange ones that fold up working signs you had the sets of everything. The big road closed signs what ever happened to all that stuff? D. Heiser, I don't know. J. Petusky, It just disappeared.

J. Petusky, another question here Dan. We were working at the park down here. I asked Mike to look into it for me there were four seats, spring rides. That broke in back in 2006 I put under the school. We were going to get a spring for it. I asked Mike to look into it. Mike Soucheck said it's not there. That ride cost \$2,000 what happened to this stuff. He said there's no park stuff under that school. R. Krick, who has keys. I don't have any keys. D. Heiser, I don't have any that is a different set of locks. R. Krick, lets go to take an inventory. D. Heiser, take an inventory I have a key for up stairs not down stairs. I'll get Mike to let us in or get a key made for us and we'll go in to take an inventory. R. Krick, we'll take inventory on what is there. D. Heiser, I'll ask Mike to take inventory of all the tools and stuff in the garage. R. Krick, I think we'll see what is there and what is not there.

J. Petusky, and also one other thing when were working on the park over here me and Joey were raking them up mulching and fix stuff. Joe called Danny and asked him if the guys and come over there with the backpack weed blowers to get the mulch out of the grass. That was six months ago and they haven't touched the place. Lots of people took their time and money to get that park cleaned up and your guys can't do nothing. Why is that? There is three trees damaged over here. Not one of them guys reported to you guys or the Police those trees are damaged. I bought them with my own money and your guys go over there and they can't report to you that they are damaged or missing? D. Heiser, that's the first time I'm hearing it. J. Petusky, you need to get your thumb on them guys Danny. Three trees are destroyed over there half the park. One at a time. D. Heiser, the mulch you were saying Jim? J. Petusky, mulch in the grass. It's all thick that needs to be blown out with the leaf blower. I tried blowing it out myself the one day. I did a section of it in two hours. I figure with them two guys in one day it will be done. That was six months ago Dan. You got to do your share over there too. D. Heiser, well it snowed a few times since then too Jim. J. Petusky, no Danny they had months now just because it's cold out don't mean they can't go outside. A bunch of sissy's working here. The streets are a mess dirt everywhere they go around for ash collection to get rid of it, it gets thrown on the truck and back into the streets. Then they don't clean it back up. The lady down the corner from me had a pile this high the other day that she swept up. D. Heiser, while we on the streets are a mess. The hot patch they haven't started making it yet. J. Petusky, you don't need hot to fix them. You need cold patch for these streets. You don't wait until your is this big, not that big. They're going to hot patch stuff you need to cut it put it in properly. D. Heiser, and seal it so the water don't get under there. J. Petusky, and seal it tight. Put the cold patch in they do cold patch all year long. Over at C Street park there's a mess over there with holes again. Upper Railroad and all other places in town. There's a big rush before the parade to do the Streets but the rest of the Streets are forgotten about. Somebody needs to get on these guys and put a list of what to do. What's wrong with this town? Drive around.

Edna Labie, there are some things that could be cleaned up. Over on the Avenue. East Mahanoy Avenue Ronny's old garage. Did anyone take notice that's all caved in? Now that's on Girard Estates land. Nobody has been paying Girard Estate any fees to them for a rental of that property as far as I know. I don't know it would take maybe one truck load. Does Girard Estate do anything? Why can't they come down clean that up? (Too many talking at once couldn't make out who was saying what). E. Labie, when we owned that one we wanted to get in the side and do siding and we couldn't get in because of that. It was so dilapidated you couldn't get in through any scout windows that was the reason we sold that garage. Now the garage we sold is starting to look bad on the other side. (Too many talking at once) J. Petusky, Tammy Evans owes some of the properties over there. D. Heiser, Tammy Evans owes some of the properties? J. Petusky, yeah that used to be her family's properties Tammy Evans name over there and some of

her kids. D. Heiser, I thought someone said Girard Estate? J. Petusky, they lease land. D. Heiser, if they aren't paying the lease no more then Girard Estate owns it. J. Petusky, but it's in they're name. E. Labie, which one is that? J. Petusky, the one was it in Michaels name now owner is Tammy Evans but it's falling down. D. Heiser, we'll get Bill to send them letters but I'll have to look and see who he sends it too. It might have to be Girard Estate. E. Labie, Charlie had owned the one that was Ronny's and he told me when I asked him about it he said he gave it to his stepbrother. D. Heiser, what I'm saying is I'm not sure if the building is on Girard Estate land and you own the building and you stop paying the lease on the land. Who would you go after there? Girard Estate? Then let Girard Estate go after the person because then it's a blight property. R. Krick, it's a township situation dilapidated properties. D. Heiser, that's what I'm saying I don't know who technically. E. Labie, who is held responsible. The last person who use to pay ground rent or what? R. Krick, up in Mahanoy Township they have torn buildings down Girard Estate has on their property that they didn't own. E. Labie, this would take on of their big trucks to come down and haul that away. D. Heiser, right. E. Labie, be one less place we're looking at up on the patch. R. Krick, we're going to have to investigate who we send that to. D. Heiser, there is no doubt in my mind if he sent notice of violations to Girard Estate that would come.

Michael Zangari, the signs for the park are you going to put them in on all of the parks or just East end? R. Krick, I guess on the East End because of the fence damage. I think that's my resend. D. Heiser, yeah but if they aren't expensive we can put them other places to. That's the only one. I'm not naïve I know they're climbing fences every where in town. That's the one we got phone calls about. So if anybody else knows of any other parks that they're climbing which I'm sure their climbing fences in but as regular this parks probably more crowded then any other parks in the town. E. Labie, yeah that's one that's used the most even with the meals summer meals for the kids and all. This one is used more than the other ones I'm sure.

James Petusky, another thing Rob are you going to get more mulch for the other playgrounds in town? R. Krick, that's the question. That's a good question. We were supposed to do that. D. Heiser, Mike did actually get a price on it I think it was by the truck load. I think it might have been for over here. J. Petusky, well top it off and maybe go around the rest of them. R. Krick, yeah that's something we have to do fill that up to the top.

Betty Ann Bernosky, what about the old dump truck, the Boroughs that's sitting up at your lot Rob? What are your plans for that sell it or? R. Krick, I don't know yet we have to see if it's worth fixing. B. Bernosky, I was going to say because. R. Krick, the frame is rotted and then there is some other issues. So we might end up selling it. That would have to be at Auction I take it if it's worth more than what it. C. Riedlinger, the personal property amount might be different. It's probably if it is different it's probably lower not higher.

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:** June 14th, 2018 **TIME:** 7:30 PM

OPEN MEETING

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

ROLL CALL

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

Members absent: None

R. Krick, after last Council meeting we held an executive session just concerning some legal matters.

R. Krick, we have someone for the refinancing for the Sewer Authority. Melissa Hughes from PFM financial advisors. Melissa spoke about the Authority loans they have three of them at 4.5% through USDA. Melissa had some options Bank loan, bond issue, and bond pool loan. Melissa explained the bond pool program, Bond insurance, and Municipal guarantee. Melissa explained the risks of the program. Borough guarantee means the Authority is they can not make payments will go the Borough to make payments on their behalf. Your pledging the loan would be paid on time. It just means we would be transferring the same commitment from the old loan to the new loan. Authority has a good track record and you can deem the debt self liquidating so it wouldn't comply to your bond capacity. Melissa went on to say if the Borough and the Authority both felt this good opportunity and wanted to go forward. We could come to the Authorities next meeting and have a discussion with them again. If they said yep go ahead. We would apply to the bond pool program go through that approval process. Earliest to lock into a rate July 19th or later. Ideally we would set it up that you had a joint meeting or one meeting right after the other. Because there is a special advertisement that needs to be done for a bond borrowing and it saves you a little bit of money to do it that way. Settlement would be thirty days later. Settlement doesn't really matter. It just kind of happened. The real day that would matter would be July 19th or that day you bonded that rate. Then you'll know exactly what the transaction would look like. Exactly how much saving you would get. Melissa went through GAMA payments and what savings could look like. Total savings is about 375,000.00. Refunding is about a little over 10%. With new lower interest rates verse higher interest rates keeping the same final maturity not extending that. Savings basically level each year. The Authority has options. Last pages shows credit strengths and credit challenges the Authority and lets you know they are being evaluated consistently by a third party. Chris Riedlinger, spoke about other Authorities refinanced and savings means a less likelihood of residents rates increase. He questioned the legal work requirements and the fees the solicitor fees would be paid by the Authority through the refinancing. Melissa said and they should be paid

through the Authority in the refinancing. On page 8 shows how much you need to pay off old loans, the Delaware Valley Regional Finance Authority fee, and estimate for the bond insurance. I think that estimate is high but I wanted to be conservative. Estimate for cost addition which would include things like us things like bond counseling if you needed one. I don't think you'll need one in this instance because we're using the DelVal program and they bring their own lawyers. Borough council and solicitors and an engineer to provide the liquidation debt report. C. Riedlinger, the question is. Is it going to cost the Borough anything out of their General fund for me to do the legal work necessary to accomplish the refinancing and the answer to that question is no. Melissa Hughes, yes. C. Marquardt, how soon does the borough have to give an answer on this? M. Hughes, as soon as you want too. Good decisions are not rushed. You can go back to the Authority talk to them and come back on July 19th or whatever day. **Motion to approve the process** made by C. Marquardt, seconded by D. Heiser. On the Question. Pastor Bob Alonge, over what period of time is that savings. M. Hughes, it is over the life of the loan. B. Alonge, how many years. M. Hughes, its about \$13,000 a year in savings the life of the loan is about 2042 as it currently stands and it still will be. Voted. All. Motion carried. M. Hughes, The first time the costs would incur we don't charge a fee unless we get to closing. The first time we accrue costs is when we have to run a legal advertisement for your next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA: No Comment made by public.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

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

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

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

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

Code Enforcement report: No report available. D. Heiser, Bill told me he would email me or drop it off here.

Permit Officer's report: No report available. C. Squires, she is out sick.

BILLS: Motion to pay the bills made by M. Huss, seconded by C. Marquardt. On the question. R. Krick, I have one question. Lieutenant Mathew Williams, body armor. R. Krick, yes. M. Williams, Galls would only ship the vest that Jody had purchased for himself to the Municipality. The Municipality paid for it and Jody will reimburse for that. C. Marquardt, are we going to include County Waste in to these bills if it comes in before next meeting. C. Squires, you can give me permission to pay it when it comes in and I will have it on the next bill list. C. Marquardt, Amend the motion to allow County Waste Bill to be paid to avoid penalty. Voted. All. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. American Power and Gas rates. D. Heiser, we got the rates from PP&L. I don't think they are cheaper I'll check again. R. Krick, do we know the rates? D. Heiser, I don't know what they are now. We're going to have a budget meeting before the next work session. I'll check then.
- b. Request for Handicap parking 202 E. Ogden Street. Was not discussed.
- c. Security cameras D. Heiser, prices were kind of crazy. Mayor Catizone, we were going to hold off until the budget.
- d. Commonwealth of PA Fuel Card Program D. Heiser, how much is the savings between that and Wex. C. Squires, you already have that and it is Wex through Costars. It's just saving a few cents at the gas station when the Police or Street Department uses their cards to swipe. It's still with Wex Costars all the same just saving cents at the pump. M. Huss, are issue with Turkey Hill are they fine with double dipping or would it be an issue. C. Squires, I don't think for personal vehicles and if that is the case we just won't let them us the Turkey Hill cards. M. Huss, some of the things you use for a discount then another discount or is it all one program. C. Squires, Turkey Hill has their own separate thing. M. Huss, just using it as an example. C. Squires, its one program Wex and Costars are combined. C. Maquardt, are we saving on the gallon? Same as Turkey Hill. Motion to proceed with application made by C. Marquardt, seconded by M. Huss. Voted. All. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Resolution to approve Budget Modification read by R. Krick. Motion to approve Resolution Budget Modification made by C. Marquardt, seconded by F. McDonald. Voted. All. Motion carried.
- b. Letter from Attorney Hampton regarding sale 615 E. Mahanoy Ave not to approve the sale prices are to low ready by R. Krick.
- c. Letter from Tax Claim Bureau sale of property 615 E. Mahanoy Ave. bid \$1277.00 Motion to approve the sale made by C. Marquardt, seconded. Michael Cope, what address? R. Krick, 615 E. Mahanoy Ave. D. Heiser, it's the one you asked about. I found out before the meeting we received it. M. Cope, we put bids on that full asking price and Angie said they leaked we she said it. They override you. Basically you can vote on it and they give it to whoever bids that property. Why have you guys vote if they are going to override you guys anyway. Mayor Catizone, we're going to vote anyway. M. Cope, if you didn't vote they were going to override you anyway because this woman is adjacent to the property she can automatically give it to that person anyway. You know what I'm saying. With her announcement to me was, we bid the same exact amount \$1277 she said she wouldn't approve our bid because. R. Krick, your argument is with the County not us. They're the ones that sent us this letter with this bid. We only got one letter from the County and that letter is from this bidder not your bid. We don't have a say what the County does. M. Cope, so they can pick and choose no matter what you bid because you're adjacent to the

property and you guys got to approve or deny it. Even if you guys deny it Angie will approve it anyway. Because Angie at the Courthouse already told me she approved the property for sale. So why make you guys bid? Or make you guys approve it? Over review it? If she's going to do what she wants anyway? C. Riedlinger, I assume you're talking about Angela Toomey? M. Cope, yeah. C. Riedlinger, I don't know what they told you but I don't agree that they can override the decision if you vote to disapprove. One way or another as you said the only question before you is, are you going to approve it or not. R. Krick, The only question we have is whether we are going to accept the \$1277 bid. M. Cope, I want to find out how you didn't get our bid when we were in before anybody? R. Krick, you got to talk to the County about that bid. M. Cope, I did talk to her and she said exactly what I'm telling you. R. Krick, then why are you arguing with us? Because we didn't get that bid. This is the only one we got. I can only deal with what's at are table and that bid is this one. D. Heiser, the only one that we got that you put in was the \$500.00. M. Cope, I went down and bid the \$1277.00 because they said the bid was low. J. Catizone, Jr., did you bid on that? M. Cope, my wife did. It was denied at your last Borough meeting. They said well Angie said that was \$1277. R. Krick, no that bid was not put before Council. We disapproved the one that was \$500.00 that was the bid that was put before us.

Motion to approve bid was made by C. Marquardt, seconded by F. McDonald. Vote. All. Motion carried.

- d. Letter for Girardville Clean a Block date set for June 23rd 2018. Alicia Rutkauskas, we set a date since last meeting Next Saturday the 23rd and we are hoping for everyone's involvement or suggestions in areas problem that people would like to see cleaned up. Pastor Bob Alonge also asked Council if there are any places they would like them to clean. R. Krick, private properties we have no say. J. Catizone Jr., you guys understand that you don't have the ability. R. Krick, like someone's back yard or entry way. A. Rutkauskas, I also asked people if they know any elderly people that needs help to ask them. Of course no going on properties. Pastor Bob Alonge, is there any public properties you guys know of we can do? D. Heiser, we should have the guys if they put them on the curb pick them up Monday morning. R. Krick, I mean if you do have clean up that you bags accumulated weeds or stuff like that the Borough would be willing to pick that up. Just let us know where you are putting it we can pick that up. That's not a problem. J. Catizone Jr., so anything you guys potentially clean up if you guys can put out for the Borough workers later on that day so we can get it removed. A. Rutkauskas, where do you want us to put it? M. Huss, if you can get a list of places you're thinking about we can have our Borough guys come by at the end of the day. A. Rutkauskas, ok so we just get back to you guys. J. Catizone Jr., I'll get your number and give you my number after the meeting. That way when you guys finish up the clean up I can get in contact with the Borough guys and Danny and make sure we get it squared away real quick. Thank you.

- e. Letter from Mahanoy Creek Watershed Association asking for support letter. **Motion to approve support letter** made by D. Heiser, seconded by M. Huss. Voted. All. Motion carried.

- f. Letter from Girard Hose Co#1 regarding Annual Company Block Party August 10th & 11th. **Motion to approve** Block party August 10th and 11th, approve road closures August 9th at 12pm to August 13th at 7pm, approve written permission to PALCB to serve alcoholic beverages and road closures, approve parking restriction 8/11/18 from 3pm to 9pm both sides of East Main street from Second St to 3rd St. approve Mayor permission for Girardville Fire Police to be activated during Block Party, and additional Fire Police out of town if not enough personnel for safety at intersections of parade route made by C. Marquardt, seconded by D. Heiser. Voted. All. Motion carried.
- g. **Motion to approve** Annual Fall Clean-Up permission to host this year's event at the Girardville site school yard made by D. Heiser, seconded by M. Huss. Voted. All. Motion carried.
- h. Letter for Community Development Block Grant funding. Applications for fiscal year 2018 are due Friday, September 7th 2018 there is a hearing Wednesday, June 27th 2018 at 1pm in the Commissioners Boardroom. R. Krick, asked for permission to contact Don Cuff and see where we stand on what project we might be able to apply for. **Motion** to approach Don Cuff made by D. Heiser, seconded by C. Marquardt. Vote. All. Motion carried.
- i. Schuylkill County Hazard Mitigation Plan. R. Krick, I thought we done this. I'm taking it we haven't. Do you want to deal with this Dan since you got the safety committee? D. Heiser, I will reach out to John Matz to participate in it. We've done it I'm almost positive. I will give John Matz a call and then Candice.
Motion to allow Danny to submit paperwork made by M. Huss, seconded by C. Marquardt. Voted. All. Motion carried.
- j. Letter from James Kilker on 20 W. Main Street request permission to cordon off the parking spaces in front of property at 20 W. Main Street front of three-story house can be painted. Lift block parking spaces along the curb of property and sidewalk depending on size of lift. Anticipated project would take two weeks within the next two months. Exact time depends on availability of lift. No exact date set. R. Krick, I think the fact that he is going to let us know. Does anyone have any objections to it. I don't see a problem.

C. Riedlinger, I have to leave meeting at 8:30pm before I leave I want to make sure nobody in the room has any questions they would like to have answered or plan on asking me later because I have to go. Thank you.

CORRESPONDENCE

R. Krick, Flyers and magazines. Correspondence from USDA looking to loan everybody money.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Street: D. Heiser, I have filled out an application for REDCO to sign up for a summer program to do work for the Borough. I have not heard anything yet.

D. Heiser, I believe they did get the pothole up your Mom and Dads way correct Michelle. All the way down to Line. They only went down so far because there is a resident that is allergic to and need to notify her when doing by there.

D. Heiser, why we're on the street maybe we want to discuss the dump truck and police car out. R. Krick, we'll see how that goes. That's far out of sight. If it gets beyond that then we can approve that.

Finance: D. Heiser, the finance committee will meet probably in the beginning of July before the Council meeting. We'll advertise that.

No other committees to report.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Edna Labie, asked if she needs a permit for a curb in the sidewalk in front of her house. If she needs it she will get one. E. Labie talked to Jean Ann who called a man that she doesn't remember his name and he said Edna did not need one. R. Krick, it's up to Frank Filiziani he is the UCC inspector and I know that goes on. E. Labie, I would appreciate if you could find out for me and just give me a call and I would take care of it right away. The project will probably start in two weeks. R. Krick, ok I'll see if I can find out.

Arthur Engle, I have issue today with these permits. I'm confused actually what do you need a permit for? To get a roof put on. I was under the impression you need one you don't need one. What do you need one for? R. Krick, I'm not the expert. But you don't need one unless you changed the structure. Are you opening a door wider and you retaining walls something like that. Basically if you want to side your house you don't need a permit. You want to put windows in you don't need a permit unless you change the opening. A. Engle, well now I'm even more confused because I'm getting a roof put on. Other than tearing shingles and sheeting it I'm not changing the structure. R. Krick, I'd don't know. C. Marquardt, you don't need a permit for roofs I already checked. D. Heiser, yeah. C. Squires, yes he does. D. Heiser, if your taking the shingles off and putting new shingles down you would not need a permit through the UCC. But if your tearing the wood off and putting new wood down you would need a permit through UCC. A. Engle, you almost had me jumping through the roof right now. I would like to thank Candice for helping me today. I caught her off guard. D. Heiser, I can give you Frank Filiziani number. A. Engle, I did talk to him. I explained what was being done. That he was doing to sheet the roof. Rip off sheet it and re-shingle it. J. Catizone Jr., so what did Frank say then? A. Engle, fill the application out. D. Heiser, you would because of replacing the wood. A. Engle, one time of the year when you don't need one. It's like. I hate to have to get one to begin with because I live (spelled out) S. H. I. T. Hole and I try to upgrade my property and live properties next to that nothing is being done about. D. Heiser, that's UCC. A. Engle, yeah I know it's just frustrating. I mean I need a roof on whether the property next door is falling down or not. I'm doing the right thing by getting a permit to put a roof on.

Rosalie Kuzma, I want to comment on the park at Main and Seconded. I did the flowers again I planted them, painted the wood going around, I got some paint so the Borough workers do that as just a contribution to make the park nicer. I put in \$100 worth of plants. I put marigolds maybe like 40 singles ones and then they spread out. There is a little girl coming up that she's about 7 or 8 years old. I found out her name is Arianna Lapchuck. Now I don't know where she lives all I got is this name 7-8year old kid. She's climbing your tree up there and this isn't just a one time thing this is couple times a week and she is going and ripping the marigolds

out of the thing right by the roots and throwing them. Taking different plants and ripping them when you go up for the bus the whole bench is filled up with the plants that she is just ripping and tearing them. An adult saw her in the tree and ripping the flowers and she was told get out of the tree, stay out of the tree, and stop ripping up the flowers. She sassed that person back something to the effect of if I want to pull those plants out I'll pull them out. If I want to climb that tree I'll climb that tree. She is doing this now more like spite just to show the adults. I'm going to tell you what I'm going to do your not going to tell me. She must be coming up on a regular basis because every time I go up for the bus you can see the marigolds there just blooming out nice fat started to grow and she ripped them out throwing them coming down Seconded Street. She throwing the rhododendrons if some how I only now her name and age. If somehow it could be found out where she lives and the Police Officer could go down and tell the mother. Your child is vandalizing up there. She won't listen to anybody. You stop it you're the mother or you're the father you stop it. She is just going to rip the whole plants out. I donate I take out of my social security check the \$100.00 and I donate the plants I do that every year. I'm happy to do it. I'm trying to do something for my community. I'm trying to pay back what my community does. When an eight year old 7-8 year old kid rips it out that is so disrespectful to me. It makes me so angry. I might as well take the \$100 and light a match to it. She is destroying it. She has to know the consequence she has to understand it. Someone said good luck because the mother's not going to do nothing. D. Heiser, here everybody on Council agrees and first you should be commended for what you do up there. It looks beautiful every summer you do a great job. (Audience applauds) D. Heiser, maybe I'm wrong but you have a name someone who saw this girl I'm sure Matt would take care of it. R. Kuzma, well the person that saw it probably don't want their name mentioned because of retaliation. Lieutenant Williams, I'll speak to you after the meeting if you would like. R. Kuzma, yes ok. I would appreciate it thank you.

C. Marquardt, Michelle on that demolition project on A Street are they going to put up fencing now? Michelle O'Connell, I think they're done. C. Marquardt, they're supposed to put. The way the contractor said when they originally came there. They were supposed to put a piece of fence up between the two properties because they took a wall out. Stone wall they removed it and put it in as fill and then there is no fence across the top or across the back. I now down on Ogden they put a piece of fence up right there at Churby's. I was under the impression that they were going to put a fence up so nobody go on the property and I understand we have to post it and stuff but there is a question as to they were supposed to put a piece of fence up across the front and out side there. M. O'Connell, did you get in touch? Did you tell the contractor to put it up there? C. Marquardt, he told me that he was going to put the fencing up. Remember when we were there that day? M. O'Connell, yeah. C. Marquardt, that's when he told me he was going to put the fence up across the back across the front and he told us what he was going to do with the wall rock. He was going to take over for the fill in that corner and put dirt in there. Then he'd put a piece of fence where the fence stopped up at the mans to past the shed there. I mean their just calling asking me because they assume they were done too. Because he seeded and put. M. O'Connell, they did put in an application for payment today. If he said he was going to put a fence there. C. Marquardt, is his name Jason? M. O'Connell, yeah Jason. C. Marquardt, Jason from Earthworks he's the same guy on the housing projects down town. M. O'Connell, yeah it's Bill Williams's son. You're familiar with them. C. Marquardt, yeah from Northeast Industries. M. O'Connell, I'll find out. C. Marquardt, please. Michael Zendrowsky, you might want to inspect that sidewalk as well. Their machine collapsed it. Now that it's Borough property you're going to have a serious predicament there. C. Marquardt, really? M. Zendrowsky, every uneven since they had their machines on the sidewalk. C. Marquardt, we better take a look at it Michelle before we do final payment. M. O'Connell, I don't know if we are in charge of repairing a sidewalk. I have to check and see. Mary Beth Dougherty, wouldn't that be the contractor's responsibility? M. O'Connell, I'd have to check. M. Dougherty, there the ones that were on it. C. Marquardt, well the contractor was up on the side walk with his machine so it collapsed he's

responsible. Edna Labie, he's the one that did the damage to it. C. Marquardt, ain't that right Matthew? Lieutenant Williams, absolutely that would be more of a civil. Yeah that would be his responsibility yes. C. Marquardt, then that's the County hired him. Lieutenant Williams, correct his liability insurance or he would have to fix it. M. O'Connell, I guess we'll have to look at it then.

Annetta Whitecavage, I was just wondering if when I was down the Courthouse the last time doing my tax report. Mr. Schultz was coming in to the Courthouse. I was wondering anything on his Court case? R. Krick, he got sentence to one year of probation and including in that is a Court order to pay us back but he's not going to pay us back. A. Whitecavage, ok. R. Krick, to be quite honest you know. We could spend the money and go to Court and do Civil suite and but that doesn't mean it would cost us that much money probably to get our money. So at this point I could only speak for myself. I think let the Court process go. If he does pay doing his year probation great but don't hold anybody's breath I don't expect to see anymore.

Mary Beth Dougherty, two questions? Why is there over \$4400 in the permit fund account? R. Krick, yeah that's still like a left over deal. Wasn't that for a truck repair? M. Dougherty, that permit fund was initially created just for UCC money. R. Krick, it should be only. M. Dougherty, so I don't know why so that actually most of that money should probably be in the General fund. I remembering questioning a couple of years ago why Christmas parties were being paid out of that? At the time nobody could answer that question. That money is just sitting there because it's just sitting there. R. Krick, we drew that account down there was over \$14,000 in that account. M. Dougherty, it should just be for UCC permits. I don't know can anybody. R. Krick, it should just be in and out. M. Dougherty, is everything going in there from permits because I don't think it should be? R. Krick, that's money that's not from permits as I understand it am I correct? C. Squires, no that's your permit account that's what you get from permits. Then also what you pay your bills with. M. Dougherty, what bills? C. Squires, per the permits when from UCC and DCED. R. Krick, I understand that she is questioning the \$4400. We don't owe the UCC \$4400. C. Squires, no that's what was left over from the permits and nobody said to move anything so. R. Krick, I agree just so we're on the same page. (M. Dougherty, was talking while Robert Krick and Candice Squires was talking miss what she was saying.) M. Dougherty, the past Council didn't know what that was all about kind of clueless. The bottom line that was what it was. R. Krick, to be honest I think money was put there so nobody would spend it. The only way I can figure. M. Dougherty, it's only for UCC that permit fund was created when I was on Council to make sure we always had money to pay the BIU and pay the DCED part of it. So that we always made sure that we had money to pay the appropriate parties. Why when it changed I don't know. R. Krick, yeah and then the little chunk of change that the Borough makes. We can discuss the funds or additional funds and putting them in the general fund.

Mary Beth Dougherty, are there any plans to do painting in the Borough this year? The William Street Bridge is horrible the poles and chain out front here are terrible. I mean they are all rusted it looks disgrace. That's why this town looks like a ghetto that's why it is becoming a ghetto. It looks like we don't care. The trees on Main Street the bottoms of them. The weeds need to be trimmed this is the seconded summer in a row that I'm bring that to your attention. There's just little things that nobody gives a shit about in town on the Street Department and I'm bitching again yes I am. There is just little things that I shouldn't have to come here every year and ask if they are going to get done. They should just be done. So I don't know if there's a plan to do some painting and some major up keeping. And again I'm going to say I don't understand why we survived for a lot of years with just two Street Department employees and all this stuff got done and all this stuff that's a problem and we need all this overtime is being paid. We have 99,000 in the bank all of a sudden. I don't know why there is so much money in there. Except I

think you're doing a better job at keeping overtime and things like that under control. And with that being said I still think there is a wide range of a goal to see improvement with the Street Department because there is a lot of work out there on the Streets that need to be done yet.

Edna Labie, even before the clean up a lot of people they would weed around those trees and so on. M. Dougherty, that's well and good and that's fine but why do we need volunteers all of a sudden? E. Labie, if a tree was in front of my place I would (Mary Beth Dougherty is yelling over Edna can't tell what is being said.) M. Dougherty, The lot down at Bernie Adams now granted lots a disaster too and I can't go off on that tangent but that nobody is going to do that one. No body is going to go down and do that but that's part of the Street Departments job and we went a lot of years with two employees and everything got done. Now all of a sudden there is an issue and I don't know what the issue is but its gotten a little better but again this is just stuff I shouldn't have to come and remind Council that it needs to be done on a regular basis. Edna Labie, that could be on their work schedule. It has to be brought to their attention. M. Dougherty, it shouldn't be. E. Labie, if they don't they should request it. I know over in our room I think the plastic can now I didn't look today was full of plastic bottles to be taken down to the dumpster I don't think it's my place to take them down but they don't go in there that often or maybe they go in there and didn't take notice that can was full. So some of that stuff I know I should say it's a mans thing. If you don't remind them they forget it. M. Dougherty, like cleaning the bathroom. E. Labie, or putting a roll of toilet paper on. It's a little thing but could be very well taken care of. Sometimes check the check list or reminder.

Michelle O'Connell, 81 Upper Railroad Street is becoming a big problem lately. My understanding there is no power I don't know about utilities I just talked to Matt. I just got a text message now there is over eight dogs in the house. It's over grown I don't know is this property condemned? I don't think there should be anybody up there. R. Krick, is that the one that is getting torn down? Lieutenant Williams, we were up 81 myself and Bill Killian were there last Monday and the two occupants the two partners that live there was home and somebody else was home. There is no power in the home there is water. We did explain we were investigating not having power and we were there for quite some time in the Police car. I believe the two occupants beings that I had dealing with them were afraid I was there for them and they didn't come back. As far as I know there isn't power and Bill Killian is aware of that. So there is no problem with me coordinating with Bill to go up and make sure we get them and post it that they can't occupy is no problem. M. O'Connell, I just want to find out if you have knowledge of it being condemned what is your policy with boarding them up? D. Heiser, we are going to be boarding a couple of them on Ogden Street next week and maybe you're coming out and helping them to do that. Lieutenant Williams, I'm coming out sounds good to me just pick a day. M. O'Connell, this Quality Of Life Ordinance violations it's all grown in they just let the dogs roam. Like I said I got home at 5 and I can here the dogs barking on Williams Street. I just got a text and I guess it is still going on about a little bit before 7:30 and that there was 8 dogs total and two were roaming. D. Heiser, was one of them a brown pitbull? M. O'Connell, no I don't know where that. That's coming from 7 Upper Railroad lets not go there. D. Heiser, can we if the people aren't coming back for the dogs can we get SPCA. M. O'Connell, I have a call into the SPCA and I have a call into the Dog warden. That's why I asked him after hours who do I contact? Lieutenant Williams, if you contact us if were on. If were not Hillside SPCA. M. O'Connell, these dogs are distressed up there it's in the basement. Lieutenant Williams, if it is a dire emergency Tamaqua Animal Rescue will take them for the night. No are they done? J. Catizone Jr., no they won't take them anymore. Lieutenant Williams, they used to take dogs in for us overnight. J. Catizone Jr., I had called one in over on Seconded Street a couple of weeks ago and they wouldn't come out for it either. M. O'Connell, if you let me know if this ever happens again with you guys not being on. I did call the State Police they won't come down this is twice this week. Lieutenant Williams, I know Officer Long was just up there I read the message. He read everybody the riot act involving the dogs and both properties have been cited

81 Upper Railroad has been cited by the dog warden. I myself have cited the gentlemen on the end with the brown pitbull I cited him numerous times. It's just something that you have to deal with as it comes you know you reported before to myself or Officer Long and it's we got to file information received then we can file a citation. M. O'Connell, I did want to bring it up to you guys tonight to make you aware of what's going on up there. I just wanted to see if it was condemned or if you guys were doing anything about Quality Of Life. D. Heiser, evidently Bill is working on it. He was supposed to have a report here tonight. M. O'Connell, yeah I have a call into him and I guess he wasn't on I think it was Tuesday when it happened. I just wanted to let you guys know what is going on up there. Rosalie Kuzma, are any of these dogs attacking people? M. O'Connell, one came after me. R. Kuzma, because I go out walking all over the place. Where is the danger zone to not go walking there? M. O'Connell, Upper Railroad and Preston Ave.

Annetta Whitecavage, Mr. Killian I don't know what his hours are. Does he ride around looking at these empty lots at all that are corroded with junk? I know he is the Code Officer and only comes in certain days of the week. Is he looking at these lots that have started to grow all kind of house hold items just laying in lots? J. Catizone Jr., what is the address? A. Whitecavage, Seconded Street a side of the bar. I don't know what the address is. There is a toilet there. There is all kinds of other stuff in the yard. I was under the impression when they bought that property when you guys approved it. It was going to be used for a swimming pool. Julie Rutko, and he is starting his car collection again too. D. Heiser, aside of the bar? C. Marquardt, a side of the bar? Where we at? A. Whitecavage, it's a side of Dave Eye's Bar. D. Heiser, the gentlemen's here address him. Michael Cope, I don't know where you are looking at? I got my tools in there I got my garbage bill I got a shed. You want to go look go look. A. Whitecavage, ok then it's cleaned up since I passed. D. Heiser, I'm sure Bill does do that. Like I said if we had his report we would now. He had told us at the work session that there is a list of Quality Of Life tickets that he had issued.

Michelle O'Connell, there is garbage along side of Marrones' on the Main Street. There is car seats I think there was a bunch of boxes along side of there too. I don't know if that was cited.

Lieutenant Williams, real quick the Quality Of Life tickets he has to wait a certain amount of time on the Ordinance before it can go to a Court citation then they'll pay it or if they decided to take a hearing hopefully I believe the Borough has to have a formal hearing so check with Officer Killian he can probably say which ones have to paid by citation.

Motion to adjourn made by C. Marquardt, seconded by D. Heiser. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** July 12th, 2018 **TIME:** 7:30 PM

OPEN MEETING

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

ROLL CALL

Members present: Robert Krick, Charles Marquardt, Fred McDonald, Dan Heiser, and Attorney Christopher Riedlinger.

Members absent: Michael Huss and Mayor Joseph Catizone Jr.

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

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

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

Treasurer's report: Motion to accept the report made by C. Marquardt, seconded by F. McDonald. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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

Code Enforcement report: Motion to accept the June report as submitted made by D. Heiser seconded by F. McDonald. Vote. All. Motion carried. Motion to accept the May report as submitted made by F. McDonald, seconded by C. Marquardt. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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

Mayor's report: No report.

BILLS

Motion to approve the bill list as submitted and read was made by F. McDonald, seconded by C. Marquardt. On the question. R. Krick, we know why the School Building fund is 79 bucks for electricity? D. Heiser, all of the refrigerators in the gym are closed. C. Marquardt, might be the cooler in the food pantry refrigerators and coolers. R. Krick, they keep them on all the time. Ok I know they use to pull them. C. Marquardt, I guess if they have stuff in the thing they don't pull them. If there isn't anything left in them then they pull them. C. Squires, Code Officer and Fire Chief Split inspection there were only for one not three. R. Krick, says three split inspections that's only one. C. Squires, they got paid \$25.00 that's only one inspection. Vote. All. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Schuylkill County Tax Claim Bureau sale of 45-08-0107.000 (vacant land) 247 Preston Ave. D. Heiser, they can't put anything there it's a twelve foot space. Maybe they'll pay the taxes. C. Marquardt, under new business is 367 Preston Ave. C. Squires, that's a different one. R. Krick, that's a different one. C. Marquardt, same lot? R. Krick, no it's a different one. This one came up a few months ago and we didn't take a position on it. The County can't move unless we take a position on it.

Motion to approve the sale 45-08-0107.00 made by D. Heiser, seconded by C. Marquardt. Voted. All. Motion carried.

- b. American Power and Gas rates. D. Heiser, I have PP&L rates can I get a copy of our current electric bills Candice and I'll see what the difference is. C. Squires, do you want me to email them to you? D. Heiser, yes if you don't mind. C. Squires, yes I can do it.
- c. Request for Handicap parking 202 E. Ogden Street. No discussion was made.
- d. Security cameras R. Krick, was given information right before the meeting concerning Gordon's cameras and what they purchased. They're willing to let us go out and look at their system. Maybe we can arrange something to go out there and look at them before we buy anything. The previous price we had was pretty pricey. D. Heiser, we're having the Cog meeting here this month and he usually comes to the Cog so maybe after the Cog meeting we can take a ride out with him. R. Krick, yeah get to see what it looks like. Mary Beth Dougherty, I'll try to remember to shoot him an email and let him know hopefully he'll go out after the Cog meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Letter from Schuylkill County Tax Claim Bureau (Bureau Sale) C. Riedlinger, that correspondence relates to the sale for Tax delinquent properties in September. The reason we got if the Borough had any liens on those properties we would have to mail in a letter asking the liens to be preserved. Mostly liens are on properties from Municipalities because of garbage or sewer bills that they may collect. But since the Borough doesn't do its own garbage or sewage billing I don't think there is any liens on any properties you need to preserve. R. Krick, I think the sewer authority might have a ton of them. C. Riedlinger, you might just as a curtsy make sure the sewer authority get a copy of that letter. I'm sure they did but just to be safe maybe you

ought to forward to them. R. Krick, did they get a copy do you know? C. Squires, I don't think I got one in theirs yet. R. Krick, well ok if you just copy and give them a copy because I think a lot of those properties have sewer bills on them maybe they can collect.

- b. Schuylkill County Tax Claim Bureau sale 361 W. Preston Ave. \$1099 bid. D. Heiser, I think we can hold off until the next one to go down and see where it's at. R. Krick, we have until September 1. Tabled until next meeting.
- c. Letter of interest of Borough property on 124 A Street from Kathy Shermer. C. Riedlinger, this is one of the properties that the Borough owns because it required ownership to get demolition done through the demolition program. In order to sell the property the first thing you should do is get an appraisal done. If the property is appraised more than \$1500 it can only be sold through bidding. If it is appraised for \$1500 or less it can be sold to this person but to prevent the County foreclosing on their lien they attach to any of these properties when they do the demolitions your going to have to give the fair market value to the County as part of the sale. So if fair market value comes in at \$1,000 let say the appraisal costs \$250 let say my preparation of the deed fee costs \$200 you can sell the property lets say for \$1450 and give the County the \$1,000 and reimburse yourself for the out of pocket costs with the rest of the money. You can sell the property for less than the fair market value but you have to give the County the fair market value. So if you sell the property for \$100 but the appraisal said it was \$1,000 you got to give the County \$1,000 even if you don't get that much as part of the sale. So if you want to sell that property the first thing you should do is get that appraisal done of it. Find out what the fair market value is and that will tell you whether you can sell with or without bidding and it will tell you if you have room on the purchase price to reimburse yourself for any costs in which you would incur and be able to sell it that way. One way or another you got to give the County the fair market value of the property. You can only sell it with out bidding if you sell it for \$1500 or less. Does that sound right Michelle? Michelle O'Connell, yes. R. Krick, I guess we can relay that information to the women. C. Riedlinger, I'm going to be in the next few weeks filing the tax exemption requests for the properties that we own having required them for the demolitions. I will not file one for that property. I will file for the other five on the assumption that property maybe sold in the near future. There is no point in asking for an exemption if we are going to turn around and sell the property. Because if we sell any of these properties we want any exemptions removed. September first I think deadline to file any exemptions. I'll file the other five lets say eminently but on that one I'll sort of wait closer in time until September to find out if we are in fact moving on selling. Motion to approve an appraisal done if interest in the property made by C. Marquardt, seconded by F. McDonald. Voted. On the question. R. Krick, what do they usual cost? C. Riedlinger, I think like \$250. The Borough has used Ed Barket to do them in similar situations in the past like when we sold the property next to Tony's Lunch for example. He's charge them in the past and I think he's done them relatively quickly gotten us the numbers in the past. R. Krick, just so we have a ball park figure. I think if this woman is interested at least we can give her kind of a number the costs of the

appraisal would be tacked on the sale of the property. C. Riedlinger, it might be but if the appraisal comes in at \$1500 you can't add those costs on it with out making it be bid. R. Krick, yeah ok your right.

- d. Northern Schuylkill Council of Governments Meeting Wed, July 25th at 7pm at Girardville Borough.
- e. Fall Clean Up Dates Thursday, Sept 20th and Fri, Sept 21st from 9am to 5pm and Sat, Sept 22nd from 9am to 1pm. A Street School yard. R. Krick read out the dates and times. If there is change we will let the people know. C. Squires, same as last year and I don't believe they are not doing electronics. If you would like me to ask I can put it in but it's not really up to them. It's up to the State and until they lift the ban we are stuck with no electronics. Public comment, there will be a list and stuff by that time? R. Krick, yeah I think the County advertises it well in the paper yeah you should be definitely informed.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Aqua results are in. R. Krick, they take samples out of the Borough? C. Squires, yes.
- b. Letter from Alicia Rutkauskas read by R. Krick. Thanked everyone and the Borough for the Clean up day and plan to do another clean up day on Monday, July 16th at St. Joe's at 9am and continuing down West Main Street. The group encourages more to come or working around the neighbor hood if not available. D. Heiser, they did a really nice job. The steps up by the monument I didn't know it was still concrete there. All the trees they weeded and mulched it. They did a really nice job. R. Krick, some people cleaned up Mahanoy Avenue. In fact on of the properties we own. They did a really good job.
- c. flyers and magazines

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Recreation: **Motion** to purchase a truck load of mulch priced at \$2200 made by D. Heiser, seconded by F. McDonald. On the question R. Krick cost is \$2200? D. Heiser, cost is \$2200 for 100 yards. Voted. Motion carried.

Blight: D. Heiser, we had blight meeting last month and we get together every month and Bill has been at the last two. We're thinking if there is any interest in forming a parks and recreation type if anyone from the public come and have a meeting after that meeting so we're only here one night. That suggestion in the park that they see what is going on and we can make improvements. If anyone is interested give the Borough hall a call and let us know and if there is enough interest we will give it a shot. Next Blight meeting we will meet at St. Joe's and we are just going to take a walk around town instead of just coming here we are going to take a walk around town get some ideas of our worst properties and revamp our list. R. Krick, get some priorities set. D. Heiser, the properties we boarded up on Ogden Street and the property we boarded up on Railroad Street is two hundred, three hundred, basically five hundred dollars in materials plus the \$100 we charge. I think we should do like we did in the past and bill the property owners for the material and labor to board these up. C. Riedlinger, if they don't pay it we can file liens too. * **Motion** to bill the property owners of 5, 7, 9 West Ogden and 81 Upper Railroad for the Borough workers that boarded up

made by D. Heiser, seconded by F. McDonald. Voted. All. Motion carried. C. Squires, do you have the prices you want billed? D. Heiser, yeah Mike has it. C. Riedlinger, CC me on the letters when you send them. Then I'll maybe remember subsequent meeting to ask if you got any money if not then you can talk about filing a lien on the property.

Code/QofL: D. Heiser, up until Bill gave this, there is 31 of violation notices that have been sent from end of March through the end of May. June isn't on this report yet. I'll get a copy of this made and leave it on the counter. I guess we can its no big deal. It tells you were their progress is on them if they got their certified letter and signed for it. The process has started. There is thirty-one that has been issued and there also been thirty-two quality of life tickets issued. So I want to let you all know Bill is. Been pretty aggressive the last couple of months and hopefully we'll start to see some progress and getting their attention. Public comment, can you give a list of examples of QOL violations are? D. Heiser, I would have to get the book because he said the violation number like 119, 115 9 but the quality of life we use like weeds, garbage, trash, abandoned vehicle there just twenty five dollar ticket. They are not like Blight. Public comment did not give name, in other words like a lot of garbage lying out on the porch. D. Heiser, right and like this other one here dangerous buildings, roof, exterior property, dangerous to your property, motor vehicle, garbage and rubbish, fuel leak, brush, grass, weeds there is quite a few of notice of violations. I guess beyond the quality of life tickets. Like I said it is only to the end of May. Public comment did not give name, can we expedite something that is so bad that you can't take the flies, maggots, all that stuff that's on the porch. Is there anybody you can go see about that? To have it done right away? D. Heiser, would that be a Police issue with that? C. Riedlinger, I think Bill could do something about that. D. Heiser, could we if it's that bad have a guy go pick it up and go to the landfill once a month and we'll bill. C. Riedlinger, under the Ordinance there is certainly wording to allow you to do that. D. Heiser, we can look into it if it is bad enough for Bill or look into the Borough employees to pick it up and we'll Bill the owner for. C. Riedlinger, I'm not sure. Notice of violations are not public documents like citations being filed at a Magistrate's Office. Not sure if it is a good idea to give out the list of addresses used. If citations have been filed now that's public record. D. Heiser, ok so no list addresses. C. Riedlinger, I mean saying 31 notices on file is no problem but I'm not sure if you should list the addresses probably. D. Heiser, if their cited. C. Riedlinger, if their cited then its already part of public record.

Other Business:

D. Heiser, Wednesday the keep off the fence signs will be delivered.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dolores Middleton, major rodent infestation of 200 block of Preston Ave. Gave Candice USB flash drive for Council to see rats on that block. D. Middleton, rats out during the day light at 2 O'clock in the afternoon. End of flash drive there is a large male and this is a health issue and is a major problem. I have an overhead garage when I lift the door the rats come in. D. Heiser, they are on Main Street. D. Middleton, yes and Preston. I don't know why these neighbors insist on throwing garbage into the ground. They have trash collection. They want to feed the animals and they don't realize they are feeding rodents. Rats very large rats. D. Heiser, can you see on there where they are coming from? D. Middleton, I took it from a women house on my block. I started seeing some indicators that there might be rodents in my house. I don't know if from doing the water issue last year actually started the problem or strictly they are not probably putting their garbage away. Dolores lives at 221 Preston Ave. **Motion** if it is bad enough and necessary to get exterminator in to get the nest made by D. Heiser.

D. Middleton, I know dry ice is very effective in putting in the Borough. Is that something you guys can approve me to do in the interim? I can go to Berwick to pick them up. D. Heiser, I think we should have Bill look at it an exterminator look at. R. Krick, we'll look at it and if it seems we can't handle it an easy fix on our side we'll authorize at this meeting if it's that bad we'll get an exterminator to at least look at it. Give us an idea what we can do about it. If it's not a terminal amount of money. We're not afraid of spending money but I don't want to spend \$20,000 either. See if the exterminator can do it at a reasonable cost because there is no expertise in the Borough as far as an infestation if it's that bad. Dan made that motion so we'll look at it in the next couple of days and if it justifies the use of an exterminator we already the motion has been made and we can pursue with out waiting for another meeting. **Motion** seconded by F. McDonald. On the question. None. Voted. All. Motion carried.

JoAnne Edmondson, called Code Enforcement Officer and spoke to the last three Code Enforcement Officers about 133 W. Ogden Street. JoAnne lives at 135 W. Ogden with Dolores mentioning rats. I have rats coming over from 137 W. Ogden and at least three times a week I emptying traps that my husband put out and taught me how to take care of. They are not mice they are little puppies their rats. At 133 W. Ogden I had a problem with that place for five years and three Code Enforcement Officers nothing has been done talking about citations and time limits but the back porch roof is hanging on by a thread he knocked the back porch off and never put supports or trusses there. It has a rain spout along the roof but no spout coming down so the rain just falls over all over my side of the fence. The front porch is rotting, the cinder blocks are disintegrating he has it trussed up with 4x4's and it's hanging and I just hope I walk by when it falls because somebody will get sued but nothing seems to be done about this place. He dug a trench, ripped the porch off, dug a trench and put cinder blocks along my chin link fence. What he did when he dug the trench it loosened the bed rock now I have to put a \$4,000.00 patio roof on because when I was down yard cleaning up after my dog I noticed the roof like this (motion slanted) and when I looked at the post you can't tell if your under the roof or patio you have to walk down the yard. I had two contractors come I had a \$6,000 and a \$4,000 estimate my patio roof if your in the yard looking at the house had dropped six inches on the right side because the post that was holding my patio roof up dropped because he dug into the foundation of his home dug a trench put the cinder blocks and now it looks in the bed rock. So now what is going to be done? He had a door on his back home which never latched. R. Krick, is the house occupied? J. Edmondson, no it hasn't been occupied in years. He uses it for storage and the back door on the place on a windy night when we had long wind not to long ago. That door flew open and glass the way the door flew all his glass came over in my yard. I have two big dogs a black Shepard and a Rottweiler I was out there in the rain cleaning up his glass because nothing has been done. The weeds are as tall as I am. There's broken doors, garbage, busted cinder blocks were he dug up, pipes from in the yard it's all from him where he has this trench with the cinder blocks. Five years I have been complaining about this. The three Code Enforcement Officers and it's still there and nothing is still done about it. D. Heiser, 133 and 135. J. Edmondson, no I'm 135. D. Heiser, 131 and 133. So it's 133 and 137? J. Edmondson, 137 got Rats and 133 is a shithole. C. Riedlinger, you may not know this ma'am I'm just asking do you happen to know if these properties are on the County repository for unpaid taxes. J. Edmondson, not that I'm aware of. C. Riedlinger, the reason why I asked that because that could explain. J. Edmondson, I had this problem several years ago. I haven't been to a Borough Council meeting in a couple of years. When I did come here about 133 W. Ogden the big question was we don't know who owns it we don't know how to get in touch with him we don't have a mailing address to send a certified letter. I think after five years somebody should know who owns it and where they live or have some kind of phone number and I would like to know. I must say thank you that the Code Enforcement Officer was at my house the other day and I did point all of this out to him both properties but I'm wondering how long its going to take to get something done about 133. 137 I can live with I'll just poison his rats. Because 133 is falling apart and now it's at the point where it is affecting my

property. I live by myself and if I have to fix something for \$4,000 or \$6,000 nobody is coming to my rescue so he has to have something done. Because if your doing to be a landlord you better take care of it. Get rid of the place and let somebody else take care of it. D. Heiser, you said Bill was down? J. Edmondson, yes he was thank you very much. D. Heiser, if he was down I will call him tomorrow morning and see where he is at on it and I will get in touch with you and let you know. C. Marquardt, who is the guy that owns the property do you know? J. Edmondson, he lives in NY his name is Africa something or another. I was there moaning and groaning bitching about this property along time ago. C. Marquardt, he owned the properties at 125 and 127 also? J. Edmondson, no that's a guy from Mt. Carmel. D. Heiser, that's George Atiyeh. J. Edmondson, that garbage has been taking care of the house the furniture. D. Heiser, he was down at her and down at that one. C. Marquardt, he is from NY? J. Edmondson, his wife lives in Girardville. C. Marquardt, his wife lives in Girardville? J. Edmondson, yes you know down the Street across from Centiole's the new homes she lives in the middle one. I was going to go last year to complain but my husband stopped me because he said I'll get locked up. D. Heiser, I can talk to Bill about it that's all I can do.

Michelle O'Connell, 136 Preston Ave right behind me how are you guys determining to board up a house? It has no utilities or what? D. Heiser, 136 is on my block. M. O'Connell, or 36 I'm sorry. D. Heiser, 136 is on my block is that the beach house? M. O'Connell, yes. How do you determine to board it up? D. Heiser, its unsafe the doors wide open on it. Bill has been up a couple of times at that. I believe Mike has gone up and put screws in the door and they just take them out. M. O'Connell, somebody is in and out. I just came home from vacation and somebody is up there sitting and I called the cops last week about it. D. Heiser, I know who it is. M. O'Connell, I don't know it looks like they maybe living there. I just got home and it has a notice of violation on it. D. Heiser, I understand what you're saying and if we board it up at 2 O'clock in the morning there's no cop on someone takes the boards off and goes in there all we can do is board it up again. I mean until the cops actually catch them. We can board it up instead of just putting the screws in to make it a little more difficult for them. We can plywood the doors if that is what you're asking and window. M. O'Connell, I wasn't sure how you determine if there is no utilities then you do it. D. Heiser, as long as it's unsafe. We can do it in our Ordinance as long as it presents a hazard. R. Krick, I think. I don't know how it was determined before today but I think that was between Code Enforcement and the Police. I think a few people were involved in boarding that up. M. O'Connell, the quality of life tickets are they exposed publicly I think I asked that. D. Heiser, no we just said they are not public. C. Riedlinger, I just said that notices of violations under the Maintenance Code Ordinance shouldn't be. D. Heiser, what about the quality of life tickets? If not filed with the Magistrate. M. O'Connell, I know 36 has a violation out in public but the quality of life I was just wondering if that got cited for the weeds, pool, on and on. D. Heiser, yeah there is a notice of violation.

Mary Beth Dougherty, the big pile of brush I had mentioned last month Danny it was kind of a catastrophe down in the 300 block in a yard up on Preston Ave and its getting dryer by the day. The one we talked about. D. Heiser, they approached us and asked us to have the Borough workers then they wanted us to do it on that clean up day. Me and Freddie went down and we were like no. M. Dougherty, so you guys did see it. I wasn't making it up on how it is I think it is still there. I was holding my breath on the 4th of July that a firework or something would go off. It was getting dryer. D. Heiser, I'll make sure Bill. M. Dougherty, yes it has been there since Memorial Day. C. Squires, he was in today looking for someone to take it. D. Heiser, go on his property and take it? C. Squires, he said he called Alicia. D. Heiser, he called for that to be part of the clean up and we went down and we were like no we are not getting involved. C. Squires, he was in today asking about it and I said there is another clean up coming up but I didn't realize it was as bad as it was until I spoke to Alicia. D. Heiser, it is a lot Mary Beth is not lying.

Kandi Cope, the slumlord. I have a question. I have my tenant in Court. Probably towards you Chris. I have my tenant in Court and she appealed it on a poverty level. She's been living there almost five months almost rent free. I wanted to do an inspection because I asked the inspector to do it. He went in and he said she only allowed him to go into two rooms. There was complaints on that building and I don't understand how he couldn't go through the whole apartment the whole house but I went through the whole house and I recorded it. Honestly I feel bad for the neighbors because I don't live on that road but it is my home. That place is torn up from the floor up. It is actually a drug house. It is a mess. I have the video and I showed Heiser and I showed Joe. D. Heiser, I seen the video she isn't lying. K. Cope, they told me they can't do nothing because I'm in Court. So that means Paul and the rest of these guys Jean Ann Jerry that leaves that whole row in danger. Because what happens I'm just saying we known about over doses and you know what happens if that happens and they light the house on fire? Then I'm liable for all their homes. D. Heiser, I talked to Bill and the Police after I seen that video and Bill told me he can't condemn if its not structurally unless it's not structurally sound if just can't make it unfit for a human. I seen the video they literally have the walls torn open and garbage in the walls. I never in my life think any house in Girardville would look like that. They have extension cords running in threw the door and the door closed into an extension cord. They had the basement door boarded that you couldn't get to the basement from inside the house. You had to go out side the house to come in. K. Cope, how's the basement? D. Heiser, it's disgusting. It is disgusting there is garbage. K. Cope, I don't understand my son has a house that is all electric it's all electric. They go in and they inspect it there's a grease spot from a container of oil. They condemned it and it was my cousin in there and they made her get out. How comes they can destroy my property and its not just oil. It is torn up from the floor and I am asking you guys for help and I can't get the help. Then you everyone goes around that I'm a slumlord. No I got two properties that I'm proud of and let me tell you that one right now I wish it would fall down God forgive me. But they are in and out of there they just did two arrests in there. It's sad. The house in the meantime is getting full of more and more crap. It's disgusting I took away forty bags of garbage because I didn't want to get a damn fine. D. Heiser, Kandi can you get us a copy of that video? K. Cope, I forward it to an inspector I can send to an email or whatever I'd like to get it on a CD. D. Heiser, because Chris said maybe with that video we can get a search warrant is that what you said? C. Riedlinger, Bill is aloud as a Code Officer if he believes there are code violations in the house he can get a search warrant. D. Heiser, he can go in there with the Police and condemn the house. C. Riedlinger, if he feels it's condemnable in his professional opinion. Sounds to me she is asking for help get them out. Mary Beth Dougherty, why does the Borough have to shut it down? Why not have the property owner shut it down. K. Cope, I tried to. I tried everything. M. Dougherty, it's a private issue between owner and her tenant. Paul Kowalick, I have two properties next door with children in it. I complained about this and I have filed complaints about it. M. Dougherty, well then file citations against the property owner. That is the property owner's responsibility ultimately. (Yelling between Mary Beth and Kandi). K. Cope, are you a landlord? M. Dougherty, no I'm not but I know this stuff yes I do it's your responsibility. K. Cope, why don't you get a property and see what tenants do. M. Dougherty, what type of lease do you have? K. Cope, I have a freaken lease that she should have been out back months ago. M. Dougherty, then you need to take it up with the Magistrate why is the Borough getting involved in it. (K. Cope and M. Dougherty yelling back and forth) M. Dougherty, it's a landlord tenant issue. K. Cope, it's a Cope issue tell them the truth it's a Cope issue. M. Dougherty, ultimately it is a property owner's responsibility. K. Cope, it's a Cope issue. C. Riedlinger, could a property own be cited for any violation if a tenant is in there yes they could. At the same time I don't know the statues of her trying to evict this tenant is. M. Dougherty, I'm saying this is in the Courts why should the Borough get involved in potential litigation if she's in Courts. C. Riedlinger, but her neighbors are saying something should be done about this property. M. Dougherty, then they should go up and testify for her then. C. Riedlinger, nothing your saying is wrong but at the same time just because she could be responsible I'm not saying the Borough has to get involved if the Borough wants to get involved

they could if it's a condemnable property they can condemn a property. M. Dougherty, just tread very carefully when you get involved with somebody in litigation in Court already just be careful. Paul Kowalick, I really don't care who owns the property but you saw the video and so did I. I didn't even sleep after I saw the video. I get up at 4:30 in the morning to go to work and I see the lights on and people are in and out of there. Anybody who knows anybody in this town. It's a small town its so called drug addicts go in and out of there. C. Marquardt, Kandi if these people go out of this property they walk out of this property tomorrow are you cleaning the property out? K. Cope, yeah. C. Marquardt, top to bottom. K. Cope, yeah top to bottom. C. Riedlinger, besides the Borough condemning the properties the Borough isn't cleaning up around it the Borough is just condemning it. K. Cope, it was inspected before she moved the hell in there by Frank and Rick who isn't easy to get over on. I'll tell you that right now. C. Marquardt, you have them in Court. Do you have hiring set? K. Cope, no I have to wait 30 to 90 days to see a Judge down in Schuylkill County depending on when he does it because she's poor and can't afford it. C. Marquardt, don't she get a Public Defender? K. Cope, they threw that out she never put money away in Escrow for anything. She didn't listen to her Public Defender. (Various people taking at once) C. Riedlinger, let me ask because this all is starting to make no sense. There is no way she had a Public Defender for the landlord. C. Marquardt, the problem with her is having the person evicted correct. C. Riedlinger, yeah. C. Marquardt, she is the owner of the property doesn't she have the right to go into the property and clean the property out? C. Riedlinger, I don't know what her lease is like. I can't answer that question with out seeing the lease and stuff. C. Marquardt, so it's based on the lease? C. Riedlinger, that could be one factor yeah. On way or another I'm not her lawyer I don't know the answer. C. Marquardt, as the landlord as the owner of the property and she has a leased even though she is in Court or out of Court. Does she have the right to go in the property and clean the property out as the owner of the property? C. Riedlinger, I can't. Some absolutely right that can't be over come by a lease no. Maybe she does but in this case I don't know what the lease says. So I don't know. I don't know what the lease says. The answer to your question in the broad sense your asking is maybe, maybe not I don't know because I don't know what the lease says. All I know is this could she as the owner be cited enough though she is the landlord and not the tenant yes she could be. Could the Borough condemn a piece of property that's subject to some landlord tenant dispute already if the property is a danger? Yeah we can condemn the property. Whether or not you want to get involved is up to you guys. You could condemn a piece of property that is a danger to the public in respect to whether the owner of that property is involved in some case with a tenant or not that makes no difference. D. Heiser, how about we just let everybody on Council take a look at that video and then we'll make a determination on what we want to do. Paul Kowalick, that's fair because if you take a look at that video I'm sure you'll make a good choice. C. Riedlinger, the property is condemned it's condemned to very body not just the tenant has to get out of there the landlord. Nobody can be in the property if it's condemned. Until it's fixed. Edna Labie, how can you fix if you're not allowed to go in there. C. Riedlinger, you can go in to fix it not live in it. C. Marquardt, Kandi you have your tenant in Court with your property there that is not condemned. Kandi Cope, correct. We went to the Magistrate it went down to Court the day before she was about to get evicted. She went in to appeal it so she is appealing on the fact she is poor and can't afford it. So now we got to wait 30-90 days to get in front of a Judge down here. They wanted to do arbitration I denied that because I'm not going to sit there and talk to her about it. I was in my house I know what it looks like. So we have to go to Court. Paul Kowalick, children and youth were involved they took the children out of the house. Joanne Edmondson, if it's a safety and health hazard should that make a difference if it's a safety issue? D. Heiser, that's why I want everybody else to see the video then they'll understand. J. Edmondson, if it's a safety and health issue I mean that's why we have a Borough Council.

Michelle O'Connell, about the people who ruined 81 Upper Railroad and I believe the ruined the house on the 200 block of Preston Ave the garage. Apparently they are going house to

house. D. Heiser, and that is the same group hanging out at the house she brought up. M. O'Connell, 81, that 200 block, and Second Street I believe there was another one up by Sosnoskis' they ruined. Do you guys know if they are getting criminally charged for ruining these houses? I mean like I don't know if I want to say public nuisance I mean this is every house they ruin. They had them right in front of Upper 81 if they got them up there for anything? D. Heiser, from what I understand this last weekend they got them from out another house. I don't if he charged them. M. O'Connell, are they charged I mean this is four five house this group broke into.

Richard Carver, I live down at 395 W. Main Street next to the old McDonald's funeral house I guess it's Sullivan. Is that the end of Girardville? Because my family has a camper parked behind Bann's Construction that lot back there. That's McDonalds's lot back there they said I can keep it there but Girardville came down and wants to tow the camper out of there and its private property. How can Girardville go into Butler Township and tow a camper off of private property is what I want to know? R. Krick, the boarder line is where is that's McDonalds lot. C. Marquardt, Mr. Miller is the last house in Girardville now the land up the back is probable the township. Am I right Annetta? Annetta Whitecavage, I'm not sure exactly where the township line starts. C. Marquardt, well the house in the Borough down there Mary Beth it's Mr. Miller's house correct? Mary Beth Dougherty, yeah. A. Whitecavage, that's the last house. I believe if I was reading the map correctly I would believe that from Bann's fence down is I think Girard Estate or Reading Railroad property and it's in Butler Township. D. Heiser, and that's where this camper is? R. Carver, Butler Township. How can Girardville come and try to hook it up? I said hold on I'm calling State Police right now and the dude dropped his hitch and hauled ass. He said we'll be back this weekend kid. I said no you won't because it's not in Girardville. Stay your ass out of here. So can someone please tell your Police Officers that hey this is off limits its out of our jurisdiction. C. Marquardt, what is there reason for towing it? R. Carver, what's their reason for towing anything? Anything they fell like making up. C. Maquardt, is this the camper on Ogden Street? R. Carver, yes it is. D. Heiser, does it have registration and plates? R. Carver, its Dan Bakerofskie's and my stepson and I have basic power of Attorney on it and it's on private property now. I had, it said tow within five days after two days they towed it still had three days left we could have it sitting there now they want to hook it up again I don't think so they already towed three of our trucks. They towed my father-in-laws truck that passed away last year out of my mother-in-laws back yard. How can they tow off of private property? I don't understand that. D. Heiser, you get a notice before its towed. R. Carver, yeah but there was no notice on it or nothing. They just came hooked it up and towed it. D. Heiser, we'll look into to it I don't know the answer to that. R. Carver, can someone stop the Police this weekend from coming down there and grabbing that. Notify them. Jody comes down there and turns around all the time and my neighbors said that we never see a cop come down there ever. A. Whitecavage, oh no the cop always comes down there. I live right by you and you know that. I have requested the cops three years ago to start coming down there because we were having problems with people smashing beer bottles. So they started coming down every now and again and that is were they always turn because it is the end of town. R. Carver, they don't have any right to tow that off that property. A. Whitecavage, I'm just saying they didn't just start going down there. D. Heiser, your saying Butler Township I have to see where it is I don't know. R. Carver, at Bann Construction the lot there. D. Heiser, I don't know if its not in Girardville.

Motion to adjourn made by D. Heiser, seconded by C. Marquardt. Voted. All. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** August 09, 2018 **TIME:** 7:30 PM

OPEN MEETING

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

ROLL CALL

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

Members absent: Charles Marquardt.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA: No comment made.

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 F. McDonald. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Tax Collector's report: Motion to accept the report and pay the tax collector made by D. Heiser, seconded by F. McDonald. Vote. All. Motion carried. On the question R. Krick, and pay her right? C. Squires, yes.

Mayor's report: Read by Lieutenant Mathew Williams. Motion to accept report as read made by M. Huss, seconded by F. McDonald. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Code Enforcement report: Motion to accept the report as submitted 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.

BILLS

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Request for Handicap parking 202 E. Ogden Street was not discussed.
- b. Schuylkill County Tax Claim Bureau sale 361 W. Preston Ave approves or disapproves. **Motion** to approve sale 361 W. Preston made by D. Heiser, seconded by F. McDonald. Voted. All. Motion carried.
- c. 124 A Street property resident interested in purchase. C. Riedlinger, we have to get an appraisal done to establish a fair market value. We have to turn over the fair market value over to the County for them to release the lien they placed on property for the demolish funds we used to demolish the structure and question becomes do you want to ask for reimbursement for those costs from the respective purchaser of the property. One way or another you have to turn over the fair market value over to the County to prevent them from seeking to foreclose on their lien. If you convey it for more than fair market value you can keep the difference for any costs you incur from the sale like appraisal, deed preparation, things like that. If you get less than the fair market value you still have to pay the County the fair market value. R. Krick, I guess we can talk to the person interested. C. Riedlinger, what I would suggest doing if you're seeking for reimbursement is to have the appraisal done talk to the person interested. Tell them that you need an appraisal done and you will be looking for them to pay not only what the fair market value is established by the appraisal but the cost of the appraisal as well and like for instance to prepare the deed. If they are going to rely on us to do it for them. See if they indicate a willingness to pay those amounts of money even though they won't be known exactly the amounts ahead of time. You can give an estimate of what the cost of the appraisal would be and estimate of the cost of deed preparation is. You're not going to know the fair market value is until the appraisal is done. So let them know until you know you're not going to be able to give them an exact number of what those costs are likely to come to. Indicate in a general way that is what you'll be looking for and see if they seem interested after knowing that. I can give you what the deed would costs and you could probably call Ed Barket and find out what the appraisal would cost. The only unknown factor is what the fair market value actually is and if all these things added together exceed \$1500.00 then it's got to go to bid. So for instance if the fair market value is \$1500.00 its probably better to just eat the rest of the costs then to advertise and let it all go out to bid. The thing is to get the fair market value, the deed preparation, and the appraisal costs all under \$1500.00 so you can do this with out bidding the property.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Request from Edna Labie interested in Street next to her property. R. Rick, before the meeting we had discussion with the Solicitor we don't know if we own that. C. Riedlinger, we might just own a right a way. That doesn't mean we own the land underneath it. The Borough can vacate by in acting an Ordinance in vacating

the Street. That leaves unresolved question if we vacate it and we own it we can then convey the property. But if we vacate it and all we had was a right of way then we don't own anything to convey. R. Krick, the possibility I don't want to speak for the Solicitor but the discussion we had was if you vacate and we don't own it then both property owners adjacent property owners own to the center. C. Riedlinger, that I'm not sure of. I do know if a Street is dedicated but never opened for a period of time adjoining property owners eventually can acquire ownership rights to the center of the road. But this would be a situation where we did open the road but then vacated it. I'm assuming it's probably the same but I didn't research it because I was just asked twenty minutes ago. Edna Labie, it was open like around the time when we put our own in back in probably 1970 before that it wasn't opened up as far as I know. I don't know what the Borough map shows. R. Krick, the County map shows it is a street. Edna Labie, the other people on the Main Street now whether they bought that rest is all grass and they have it fenced in and say they own it. Whether they bought that off the Borough or not I have no idea. R. Krick, we can look it up on the County. We looked up just by your property and the adjacent property and it shows on the County map as a Street. It doesn't have any ownership I don't know if it would have any ownership for the Borough. C. Riedlinger, it might have its own tax parcel number if it was a piece of land that we own. It might. R. Krick, it doesn't so we'll look into that. C. Riedlinger, so you think this street was open around 1970? E. Labie, I would say because they extended at that time the sewer authority hadn't put the sewer system in yet and I remember the storms ran down along there and I guess they extended that or something because they knew they were going to put the sewer in. So they just used the pipes they had to install. My son might know a little more about that. Whatever pipes they had to go down along there at that time the sewage went to the regular street sewage you know. Then we had to put the storm sewage down along side of the property. C. Riedlinger, so you think that was around the time it was paved? E. Labie, not that very first year no. I'd say the early 70's that was the only time the Borough ever paved it. My husband use to maintain it and cold patch filling it in you know. He's been dead how ever many years now already. It's been big pieces of chunk coming out we had to move some of it out of the way. Because driving you car down it would bounce up under your undercarriage of your car. So it's not in good shape. So we thought we would purchase it and go find the boss and it we had to get it surveyed it would cost us that way and then we probably pave it or something. C. Riedlinger, are there land owners aside or behind you that knows about this road as well? E. Labie, actually we never went down our property we own 150 feet and we never went down 150 feet the back part down. If we went down 150 feet there we would probably come down to where the Little League fence is. But we would never go down that far we would go down as far as our back fence is. Our next door neighbor has his down 150 feet I think. So there is a difference of 50 feet or something but we only put it down to the dead-end. R. Krick, we will look into what we have to do if we want to convey that property. E. Labie, I mean nobody else uses it but us, and maybe when they deliver oil to other side which would be

no problem. C. Riedlinger, just out of curiosity you made it sound like it was paved once back in the 1970's what kind of condition is this Street in? E. Labie, it's in bad shape. I said my husband took care of it the best he use to go and buy fill and patch it but nothing has been done when they did the Street coming down they didn't come down that far. They came down A Street and that was it. It's not a benefit to anyone else because we have a three car garage there so its not a benefit for other people to be parking on the side of the Street there because of the garage there you know. R. Krick, well Chris is going to do some preliminary work on it. C. Riedlinger, my guess is we're going to find it's just a right a way and we can probably vacate it and we sort of lose all of our. R. Krick, we'll see we have to see what we have to exactly do as far as that goes. E. Labie, just look into it for us ok. Thank you.

- b. Resolution 2018-4 submission of CDBG Funding Girardville Park ADA improvements. Amounts are open yet. **Motion** to approve Resolution 2018-4 made by D. Heiser, seconded by F. McDonald. Voted. All. Motion carried. R. Krick, I did call the Engineer concerning the possibility maybe getting some money to repair the gym roof but he said that is not fundable project. Do you know if it is Michelle? Michelle O'Connell, I don't know. R. Krick, he said Municipal and buildings like that they're not funding to do roofs. That was a thought I did ask. M. O'Connell, since I've been there they haven't done any. R. Krick, I think the only ones they were doing were Fire Companies at one point.
- c. Fair Housing Resolution 2018-5 request for approval. **Motion** to approve Fair Housing Resolution 2018-5 made by D. Heiser, seconded by F. McDonald. Voted. All. Motion carried. D. Heiser for the properties down Main Street. R. Krick, yeah.
- d. Request approval for Aqua Backflow Prevention Test Due 8/31/18 Borough and School. Motion to approve Backflow Prevention annual Test made by D. Heiser, seconded by F. McDonald. On the question R. Krick, do we have any idea on the cost of this? C. Squires, if I remember I think they give you a discount for everyone getting it done at the same time. R. Krick, all in one shot. Voted. All. Motion carried.
- e. Request for handicap parking 350 W Main Street. R. Krick, we'll have to take a look at that.
- f. Letter from PA office of the Budget. Not discussed.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Letter from Seltzer Group. R. Krick, read letter about forming a safety committee to get 5% Workers compensation discount. We should have this to save 5% of workers comp. R. Krick, we talked about this at the work session and possibly in. D. Heiser, the emergency service meetings. R. Krick, the only one we left out in that meeting was the Borough workers and we can add a separate meeting with the Borough workers on site here. Maybe we have to make a call to Seltzer and

see exactly what we have to do to form the committee and see if that would work the way you're talking.

- b. R. Krick, someone brought this to the Borough Hall it's a letter about recorder of deed notice and it looks to verify that you got a deed and has been transferred. This one is looking for \$85.00 sounds like a scam to me. So people are aware of it from Property Profiles it doesn't really mean anything unless you want to spend 85 bucks that your deed has been transferred. You could probably do that by looking on the county website and finding out it has been transferred.
- c. R. Krick, the Borough got a mortgage protection notice for the Borough I guess if we die or be disabled. I guess this is another scam floating around.
- d. Flyers and magazines

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Blight: R. Krick, the blight committee we meet with some people from DCED on Main Street to look at the apartment buildings and we also went down to Ogden Street to take a look at one section on Ogden Street. There was some ideas thrown around I mean nobody said we're going to give you all this money to tear them down. There were some ideas how to come up with plan. A development plan it sounded like there was funding for that. That's what I took it as if you come up with a development plan and ironically might be something that sounds crazy but a lot of times in order to get money from Government you need these plans so it kind of makes sense where you're spending your money. I know even in the Water Shed Association I'm in we did an assessment plan that cost a lot of money but it didn't make any sense to me but in the end when we applied for grants it did make sense. The Government the funding agencies looked at it in a different way. That we had planned that showed the assessment of the whole Mahanoy Creek. So that might be something we could look at. I don't know we'll have to talk about something that might be done. The guy did make a point and I think it was the Secretary said something we got to realize Girardville does not have a shortage of housing. It has an abundance of housing. So if you're going to try to build housing or improve housing that way it doesn't kind of make sense. They're saying you got too many houses so really I guess the efforts on reducing the number of houses is the population and that's the tuff part of it. Obviously we got to talk if that means anything. The Blight committee will meet next Thursday at 6 O'clock. D. Heiser, at the ambulance building and go the other way. R. Krick, yeah we were going to do another walk the other way.

No other committee's to report.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Joanne Edmondson, what is the Borough going to be doing about 133 W. Ogden? I was at the last Borough Council meeting I put in a written complaint form about this place. I complained over the telephone and I complained here. I also complained to Mr. Killian myself now that's four weeks ago and I said what is going on with the quality of life Ordinance because that place is ruining my quality of life and I like to know does anyone know what is going on? D. Heiser, yes. J. Edmondson, with weeks that have past I haven't seen hide or hair of this fellow. He has not cut the grass, he has not fixed anything that was dilapidated, nothing the place is falling apart and it's going to take my place with it and I'm not going to stand for it. D. Heiser, ok Bill Killian sent the Notice of Violation it was received time has to pass that he has given them to clean up

the problems they were not cleaned up and a citation was issued either today or will be tomorrow he called me about that today. He said you had three complaints actually and two of them were taking care of. One was garbage one was grass with two other properties. This one the Notice of Violation was written and was received. J. Edmondson, Bill Killian took pictures the front porch is falling right apart you walk pass there all the time. The front porch is falling apart the back porch is falling apart he dug into the foundation now because he dug the foundation all of this rain that we had is now going into my basement. I have two sub pumps running because when he dug the foundation he didn't dig it well he dug it on a slope. And of course it's sloping towards my property. Of course I realize you can't make him put a sub pump in his home but if you go behind that building behind between our homes and you see the weeds are up to my eyes. There are cinder blocks, broken glass, nails, busted bottles, soda cans, beer cans, you name it its there. He came down one time before the last Borough Council meeting brought a lawn mower did two swipes up the middle of the yard and that was it. D. Heiser, the owner was issued the Notice of Violation it was received by him. It wasn't abated in the time he was allowed or she who ever the owner was that was allowed. So a citation is being issued that is all we can legally do. I was in four weeks ago and all of a sudden he is only getting cited yesterday or today? Four weeks ago I have been looking at this place and so have the Uzupis's for five years. I don't want to wait for the tenth anniversary when my home looks like a piece of shit because of this place. D. Heiser, we are required I can't speak for prior Code Enforcement but Bill is doing his job. We have to give these people x amount of time. J. Edmondson, I have complained for five years ago. D. Heiser, if previous Code Enforcement done his job correctly I apologize for that but that can't be changed. Right now. J. Catizone Jr., he has made some progress on it but unfortunately all lot of the things. J. Edmondson, so why haven't you issued the citation? C. Riedlinger, well no what they're saying is he had to have the Notice of Violation before the citation and the Notice of Violation had to give the guy a reasonable amount of time to fix the problems himself before they could issue the citation. D. Heiser, after he received the Notice of Violation. J. Edmondson, so what is the time frame he has to fix the porch, rain spouting, busted porch the foundation of the home what is the time frame. D. Heiser, right now all we can do is Bill can continue to cite that every single day it's in the Magistrate's hands there is nothing more we can do. I'm sorry I'm sure that's not what you want to hear but that's the law. J. Edmondson, absolutely not. If it was next to your house you would want something done. D. Heiser, I have one next to my home the exact same thing. J. Edmondson, really-really because this is bad I almost lost my furnace because of his water coming over. Now if I had to buy a \$5,000.00 furnace do you think he's going to chip in and help me hell no. J. Catizone Jr., you have the ability to sue him. Most of the issues you are talking about our civil suits that you need to follow. J. Edmondson, you know what the guy has no insurance no nothing. J. Catizone Jr., that's not the Borough issue unfortunately I'm just telling you that is a civil issue. J. Edmondson, the place is dilapidated it's a danger issue it's a Borough of Girardville problem and it looks like a dump. J. Catizone Jr., it's not my property I understand that. No ma'am its not. What you're not listening to is your issues and the damage to your property does against the property owner. J. Edmondson, the property is dangerous. The front porch is dangerous maybe you don't want to hear me bitchen. J. Catizone Jr., no I want to hear you complaining that's fine but I think you need to listen to what we have to say to you. J. Edmondson, I will be at every Borough Council meeting until he fixes something and if he needs help I'll go over and help him but something needs to be done. He destroyed my chain link fence. He is destroying my backyard now his water is ruining my basement. I'm getting mold and mildew because he doesn't have anything over there. I'm not happy with any of this because I've been yapping five long years and I feel like I'm banging my head against the wall nobody is listening and nothing is done. Now does he know somebody that I don't know that he is getting away with all of this? R. Krick, people are under the misconception that the Borough can go down there tomorrow and force this guy to do anything. J. Edmondson, what about the properties in Girardville one is right there next to me. I have pictures if you want to see it. C. Riedlinger, unfortunately the Mayor is right there is nothing

more that we can do other than enact the Property Maintenance Code and enforce it and cite the people that are violating it. J. Edmondson, why even have a Quality of Life Ordinance? J. Catizone Jr., we just told you we are making progress on it if it's not fast enough we apologize for that. J. Edmondson, I'm just saying why have quality of life ordinances if it's not going to be taken care of and make him do what he has to do to bring it up to quality of life. David Willis, so you have been complaining about this for five years so obviously they should have some kind of notes on this you would think. So you been putting in papers of complaints correct? J. Edmondson, I'm not worried about paperwork. D. Willis, then why don't you go towards legal action and you'll have back up from the Borough because they got your documentation on all of this. J. Edmondson, it would cost me more out of my pocket because I have tried to bring my house up and take care of it. Because of him I'm dipping into my savings to keep my house clean and safe and his is just ruining it. It has to stop. D. Willis, I get that. I hope you can understand how you can relate that both of your hands are tied. D. Heiser, and that really is a civil matter between you and the neighbor not. J. Edmondson, a civil matter between me and the neighbor why is Girardville worried about the run down properties when that is a run down property. Answer me that. It's a run down property it's very unsafe. D. Heiser, it's a run down property that was issued a notice of violation the owners received the notice of violation and they didn't clean it up and a citation issued. C. Riedlinger, and if they continue not to clean it up more citations will probably be issued. J. Edmondson, what happens to the citations? D. Heiser, the Magistrate. C. Riedlinger, let me explain what happens. When the citation gets filed he is then required to enter a plea of guilty or not guilty to the citation. If he doesn't enter a plea a warrant will be issued for his arrest to enter a plea. If he enters a plea of guilty he receives a fine. Usually they put down the maximum \$1,000.00 fine on a citation. If he enters a not guilty plea he'll have a hearing and the Judge will decide whether he is guilty or not guilty. It's possible that all this person will do is pay the fine in which case Bill will have to issue another citation and then another one and another one until he comes to financially detrimental to him to just pay the citation and just do the clean up. What it boils down to is we can keep citing him if the first citation doesn't result in him actually cleaning up the property. The way it is ideally supposed to work is that after even one or two or three or four citations and fines they fix the property up to avoid future citations and fines but we've seen it a hundred times on other cases and is possible we are going to see it here too the guy could not enter a plea a warrant could be issued and it could be weeks months before the Magistrate has the guy before him at a hearing. Or he could get found guilty and put on a payment plan that he then doesn't meet. Unfortunately the wheels of justice do not move as swiftly as everyone I'm sure would like in any circumstance but that's all we can do is have a property maintenance code and enforce it and that sounds like Mr. Killian is doing. I can't speak for why something wasn't done 4 1/2 years ago. All I know is it sounds to me like Bill was told about this in the wake of your complaints at the last meeting. He issued the notice of violation he gave a period of time it wasn't corrected and his filing to file a citation. I'm assuming he is going to follow through with future citations. This one doesn't fix the problem. That's what they can do. J. Edmondson, I'm still complaining about the grass he's not cutting the grass. That I guess that is something the Borough can take care of. The grass the garbage. C. Riedlinger, there is different subsections of the maintenance code there is one about grass, one about the roof, one about windows as many are being violated that's how many citations can be issued. The grass in other words can be a separate citation then the condition of the porch for example. I don't know n.o.v was issued under I don't know how many citations were filed. One way or another all the things you are complaining about could be separate citations if the notice of violation mentioned them all. J. Edmondson, this could get dragged out for another year. C. Riedlinger, could it yeah but I don't know that it will. Like I said I seen cases where they don't enter the plea the warrant gets issued and months go by before anything is done. J. Edmondson, now it doesn't seem fair. C. Riedlinger, I'm not trying to tell you it's fair. I'm just trying to tell you realistically that's how it works. R. Krick, we can only tell you we do what we can do. J. Edmondson, understood. R. Krick, and we can't go down and get this guy by the neck and tell

him he's got to fix his porch. C. Riedlinger, I'm not saying it's going to drag on either. I'm just saying don't take whatever the Borough is saying that like in the next week or so Judge Hale is going to be carting this guy off to prison. I don't think probably that is not going to happen. It could, I don't know that it will. I'm saying don't take what they're saying that there is going to be some immediate. J. Edmondson, the guys not worth their time.

James Petusky, last week at the Blight walk me, Danny, and Alicia talked about a community garden possibly maybe a strip by Line Street near the creek. I was doing some research on it. It's up for upset sale September 17th for \$400.00 might be a good place to start Dan. D. Heiser, we had talked about that at a work session too. I don't think anybody. R. Krick, we said we tried to think where might be the best place. J. Petusky, shed right there and its bigger then that lot and you can always look at another left. D. Heiser, yeah on Line Street going towards. J. Petusky, right next to the Rangers house. I'm it would be a big improvement get the weeds cuts out there doing something. Probably have Alicia manage it she lives right there. D. Heiser, we'll definitely look into it.

James Petusky, the Blight meeting there's a program I found out about getting the trees planted revitalized. Maybe you can finish Main Street off there revitalize put in for 2019. East Girardville it's a 50/50 match. You'd get it for 2020.

James Petusky, the thing I complained about the permit officer you need all the information did you ever check on Danny and all things patched up that are out of wack comments, statements are you going to do anything? There's possible falsified records there's false statements in here minutes from meetings. It just continues and continues. Do I have to hire legal Council and file a lawsuit I have paperwork to prove it. In here December 2016 Jean Parfitt was asked by someone here why Mike Cope got a permit and she said he didn't know one. July 2017 when I asked about it Jean Ann was Secretary up there she replied nobody even heard this. I couldn't get an answer out of Jean Ann. You know that Chris. In the minutes here there supposed to be true and exact right? It says here me and Michelle O'Connell kept calling and complaining about Cope's fence. We called numerous times Jean Ann said we called numerous times complaining about the fence that's why Michael Cope got a permit. I never called here once. Michelle O'Connell, I never called. I'm furious about this. J. Petusky, in this meeting here it said we both called and making complaints. We didn't call once. Now what are you guys going to do? M. O'Connell, do you guys have a permit? J. Petusky, there's something going on here she's fu**ed. She gave me spite bite Chris. M. O'Connell, complaint log? I don't recall this at all. I brought it up but calling that's bullshit. J. Petusky, the fence I did it was actually in my yard. My fence was in my yard. She actually gave me a fine for this. (Mr. Petusky approached the Council table) J. Petusky, that's in my yard. Michael Cope put some ugly gates up on the sidewalk and she actually gave him a permit. That's my fence and I got fined for that. You got to do something here because this is the last chance you're going to get. Because I'm going to hire legal Council. D. Heiser, you actually never really got fined for it you got a letter saying you were going to get a fine. J. Petusky, yeah that's getting a fine. That is getting a fine, read the letter. That was the fine I got. It said I owe \$75.00. D. Heiser, oh is that what it said ok I didn't know I wasn't sure didn't it say you were going to get one? J. Petusky, at the Council meeting December 8th 2016 how are we fair for one person to get a permit and another to be fined? Mike Cope was issued a permit December 6th Council meeting was December 8th. In the minutes I have Charlie agreed yes it is up there. The fine goes and to give another person a permit. My fine was. Both of ours was December 09th the day after the Council meeting. You got to do something. You're supposed to protect citizens not somebody that works here. D. Heiser, actually they were, technically we weren't supposed to be issuing permits for any fences at that time either that's when we found out afterwards. (Mr. Petusky was speaking about it was out of spite because she don't like me.) J. Petusky, that's all it was. Was spite and I want it to go on

record you need to do something. M. O'Connell, is there a permit officer complaint book? D. Heiser, yeah I would think there is over here. M. O'Connell, from 2016? D. Heiser, I will look and find out. J. Petusky, I want to ask you Danny in 2016 how did you handle phone calls? How did that work? What was the process? Who would get the complaint? Who would it go to? D. Heiser, I'm not exactly sure what we got on the answering machine. J. Petusky, I'm trying to find out. Annetta found out. She's the Tax Collector how did she even know that I was getting a fine that wasn't even available I don't understand. Even the Tax Collector knows that's confidential information how did she get that? Annetta Whitecavage, I didn't know you were getting a fine. J. Petusky, she brought that up on the 8th and my fine was the 9th how did she know I was getting a fine? A. Whitecavage, I didn't know you were getting a fine. I didn't know anything about it. J. Petusky, here it is A. Whitecavage right? Annetta, yeah. J. Petusky, here Danny read that A. Whitecavage there. That's December 2016. (D. Heiser read the pages.) J. Petusky, it even here it's discussed here Cope should have gotten a \$75 fine. The very next day I was issued mine for a fence inside my yard. A. Whitecavage, I got to see this. J. Petusky, I'll keep pushing this your supposed to protect us not. I'm pointing a camera up on the Street your only protecting her fat ass. Michelle O'Connell, I'm furious with this falsification of me calling. Chris am I right? C. Riedlinger, I haven't read it yet I don't know what it says if you want me to look at it I will look at it. M. O'Connell, yes I've asked in public how he is getting away entering in a public Street and also about if he owns the property. (James Petusky approached the Council table.) J. Petusky, this is July 2017 when I brought the thing up about the street. I couldn't get an answer out of Jean Ann sat right here as Secretary and I couldn't get an answer as to why I got a fine. Also that shows up in the minutes. I couldn't get an answer that day. She's the town Constable any falsification of records is a felony. C. Riedlinger, this says Jean Ann said something at a meeting. That doesn't. What is your question again? J. Petusky, we didn't call. M. O'Connell, we didn't call. M. O'Connell, so isn't that something some kind of legal action could be done? Like falsification. C. Riedlinger, it doesn't. It's not false who wrote the minutes? R. Krick, Jean Ann. M. O'Connell, we never called. J. Petusky, it's supposed to be exact we never called. We didn't call once. C. Riedlinger, it does say because you and Michelle kept calling. M. O'Connell, we didn't. C. Riedlinger, what is your question I don't understand what your question is. M. O'Connell, the minutes is falsification. J. Petusky, she sat there and wouldn't answer nobody. All that showed up in the minutes she wouldn't answer. That's another problem that is here. She didn't give us an answer. You sat there that night. C. Riedlinger, I'm sure I did but I really don't remember the conversation that occurred in July of 2017 that you're talking about. J. Petusky, she didn't say that to us. C. Riedlinger, I do agree with you that the minutes say that "Charlie Marquardt said 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." That's exactly what the minutes say. Mary Beth Dougherty, they're saying she fabricated the minutes. C. Riedlinger, ok I understand. Listen. Let me ask this question. Are you saying that she never said that at the meeting and then put it in the minutes that she did? M. O'Connell, yeah. J. Petusky, more than likely. C. Riedlinger, or are you saying she said it at the meeting and that it just wasn't accurate? J. Petusky, it's not accurate. M. O'Connell, it's not accurate. R. Krick, you're pretending she didn't say it at the meeting. J. Petusky, I have a question the question is why did that happen? C. Riedlinger, just because one person says something happened and the other says it did that's not falsifying records. What I'm asking. Mr. Petusky interrupts. C. Riedlinger, let me ask my question or I'm not even going to bother try to answer you. I'm trying to ask are you saying that she never said this at the meeting but it's in the minutes that she said? J. Petusky, yep. C. Squires, did they not hear here because people talk over each other all the time. J. Petusky, I sat here questioned her and she put her head down and would not answer. C. Riedlinger, is there a tape recording of the meeting? C. Squires, probably. J. Petusky, it needs to be reviewed. R. Krick, we can drag it on all night here we're not going to get anywhere but what we can do sit down review the minutes. (Mr. Petusky talking over Mr. Krick saying December 2016 was the fine was) R. Krick, possibly a tape record of meeting and if there is listen to the tape and see if

they are accurate or not accurate. C. Riedlinger, so what you're saying Jean Ann prepared these minutes it wasn't Candice. J. Petusky, yes she was secretary. R. Krick, is that true Candice? C. Squires, yeah Jean Ann was the one that did the minutes. She just had me help type them. R. Krick, she prepared the minutes so if there is a tape might be I don't know if there is. C. Squires, probably. R. Krick, if there is a tape of those minutes we'll listen to it and see if they are accurate. I don't know what the remedy is after that. C. Riedlinger, just so you know it's not falsifying a record this is where. Let me finish. (J. Petusky tried talking over Chris) C. Riedlinger, this is where I'm confused if she said this at this meeting. Even if you're saying it isn't true. If she said it at the meeting and it's in the record that she said it that's not falsifying a record but if she never said it and put it in that she said it. Then you could say it's falsifying a record. J. Petusky, I have the permit records from December 2016 it says Michael Cope has a fence and gate permit \$25.00. One the bottom is a burner, stove, chimney another \$25 permit, add up \$50. All the permits for that month were four permits issued all match up. I requested the check in the permit information under the right to know he only paid \$25 permits. C. Riedlinger, I'm all aware of all the issues regarding the fence and the permits. J. Petusky, what's going on here? The whole issue is she don't like me her brother don't like me. They try to kick me in the ass. I'll kick her back in the ass. R. Krick, like I said we will review the minutes and see if there is a tape see if they're accurate or not accurate. Then what the remedy means if there not accurate what we do whatever but by next meeting I think we can come back here and tell you whether they're accurate or not. C. Riedlinger, if there is a tape. R. Krick, if there is a tape. If there's not a tape. C. Riedlinger, if there's not a tape, well even if there is a tape they're the approved minutes. R. Krick, they're the approved minutes so. Mary Beth Dougherty, what about the whole issue of the bad fine to make him that should have never been issued in the first place and not doing their job properly, why wasn't that ever addressed? Was it ever addressed? C. Riedlinger, it was addressed by the State. D. Heiser, it was he never had to pay the fine. M. Dougherty, but again that's not the point she didn't do the job right regardless of who paid the fine and who didn't pay the fine. C. Riedlinger, the State came in a representative I'll I remember is DCED or L&I (Mary Beth talking same time as Chris) M. Dougherty, she did it to her self and was allowed to get away with it I think is what I'm saying. J. Petusky, what I'm saying to Chris is. Mary Beth Dougherty, this isn't fair it's definitely not fair and she's allowed to still stay at her job. J. Petusky, she tried to hit me with a \$75 fine ok. From the records I got Michael Cope should have been given the same fine. She actually gave him totally free a permit. It don't match up here. One permit for the fence one for the stove. 25 and 25 I have the records the right to know is supposed to be exact right Danny? D. Heiser, yeah Chris has them too. J. Petusky, ok so I said 25 and 25 it all adds up on the paper. I got permit information from Michael Cope that Danny sent me the check was \$25.00 it was actually given there you go right here and your ok buddy. Here's for you Jim pain in the ass \$75.00 that's what I'm saying she's not doing the job properly who knows who else she targeted in town for stuff. Your sitting there supposed to protect the citizens of Girardville not your workers she's doing wrong she should be made to resign, fired, terminated. Your suppose to protect us. Not Jean Ann she's wrong. What do you have? Michelle O'Connell, even in the minutes shouldn't it be written names shouldn't be mentioned even if we were calling shouldn't it say residents were complaining. I was responding to resident complaints she shouldn't be mentioning names. J. Petusky, isn't that confidential record somebody calls and complains. Not Jim Petusky calls today about this one. R. Krick, I don't know the question about confidentiality. We'll have to go into an executive session we're not going to have a decision anyway we got to check the minutes and do it that way and go from there. C. Riedlinger, Jim do you want these minutes back or should we keep them? J. Petusky, you can keep them. (Council talks amongst themselves).

Mary Beth Dougherty, Rob have you guys ever had any discussion on the permit commission issue with putting a cap on how much the commission? R. Krick, no we hadn't that's an issue we should look at. I totally agree. M. Dougherty, that was a lot of money. I mean

at least could stay with the Borough and have it. R. Krick, yeah I think that's true and that's something I think I know I have thought about but we haven't talked about. D. Heiser, we have discussed it but never really acted on it. R. Krick, I think that is it is a suggestion we should act on. Some of the big projects. J. Catizone Jr., it was initially moved up from 12% to 25% in 2014 C. Squires, 2015? Ann was still permit officer. J. Catizone Jr., that's what I'm saying at one point it moved from 12% up to 25%. M. Dougherty, that's a lot. D. Heiser, it was more than that. J. Catizone Jr., when it was 12% at one point I think Candice is right 2014-2015 it was raised. C. Squires, yes Ann Soucheck was on the board. J. Catizone Jr., to generate interest into it and we have never capped it at that point or really discussed capping it. R. Krick, maybe we should. M. Dougherty, yeah you did even at 25% but like the dollar amount capping it not to exceed x dollars. R. Krick, yeah 25% up to \$2,000 or something.

Michelle O'Connell, Upper Railroad Street the track with the big pothole going up Centioles hill. R. Krick, top of the railroad tracks? M. O'Connell, yeah can that be filled it it's getting pretty bad I guess with all the rain. R. Krick, the railroad tracks right there. C. Squires, that's Readings. R. Krick, it might be the Railroads but the thing is their not going to do a thing about it. J. Catizone Jr., the thing is it's the Railroads property. M. O'Connell, I thought the Borough did it years ago? R. Krick, ok maybe we'll take a look at it. I mean to be honest with you the Railroad is going to take forever. J. Catizone Jr., drag their feet on it. R. Krick, it might be something that we can just patch. J. Catizone Jr., if it's a quick fix then we can have the guys. M. O'Connell, then also the little hill going up William Street. R. Krick, the what? M. O'Connell, the little hill from William Street. Lower Railroad to go up Upper Railroad that needs to be fixed. D. Heiser, the one right across from Canavan's there? M. O'Connell, yeah. Annetta Whitecavage, I hit that pothole the other day I thought my car was going to be in it. With the rain you couldn't see the pothole. It's bad.

James Petusky, Danny back in May I asked you about the potholes over in the C Street Park and your answer was your not getting any cold patch. Well here it is August both holes are twice as big as they were and they're never touched. (Not sure what Mr. Petusky was saying.) J. Petusky, how is it forward to the Street Department? D. Heiser, I will call Mike tomorrow. It gets forward. J. Petusky, and nothing gets done? D. Heiser, I apologize for that. I must have forget about that. That's my fault not theirs.

J. Petusky, ok next thing is car board (believe what he said). I questioned that and all of a sudden it shows up now and sits here for three months. Why is it against straight board and not put in the park? Is that going to sit here it that like a prize. (Mr. Petusky went on not sure what he said) J. Petusky, it's a park ride me and Joey been looking for that. Here it is for three months. (Mr. Petusky went on not sure what he said) J. Petusky, why don't you put that back in the park? I don't understand what is going on here. I worked here before. I just don't get it. This is sandbox blowing they should be out swiping the Streets on the Avenue where the bench is there is dirt on the road, weeds growing on the road, sweep that stuff up. What's going on here don't they have brooms? Trucks don't have any broom racks in them anymore. They're not doing nothing. Nothing in the garage to do. Plenty of work out there. Last weekend I weedwacker in front of the walkway the path there it was a pile of dirt. A big pile where the snow was at this fricken high they never pulled it back. Whole bunch of piles all dirt and stuff. What's going on here? This town can be a whole lot better looking. If they do something about that. There's so much stuff they can do. It's not hard.

Teresa Krick, I called a little over a week ago and spoke to an Officer and told him what I was witnessing across the Street. The grandfather took his child and visibly, continuously pointing on how he was going to be physically beaten screaming at him. As soon as they got home. He just kept repeating himself. Anyway I called and the Officer said it will be ten

minutes or so. I was so upset I didn't realize ten minutes is a long time. Anyway that's what I'm here to say that it's ridiculous. J. Catizone Jr., what was the Officer's name. T. Krick, get here quick a kid is being threatened and I'd like an Officer to come down because this child is being threatened. J. Catizone Jr., what property? Which Officer responded? What day was it? What time of day? There's all sorts of questions I have. What Officer was it? T. Krick, I never got, don't know any of that. J. Catizone Jr., what time did you call? T. Krick, I have no memory. Lieutenant Mathew Williams, I will look at the incident log I would of known if somebody called and somebody said a child was threatened. I would have been down there I don't know which one of the Officers was on duty. J. Catizone Jr., I will talk to afterwards then that's fine. David Willis, are you guy mandatory to report this? Like see someone say something so like did anybody think to call the child mom? To make sure she was aware what was done to that child. J. Catizone Jr., this is the first time we're hearing about this David. R. Krick, I think she made a call to children and youth. J. Catizone Jr., Jody did go down and handle that, I'm sorry that was taken care of. I do know what incident that was. Lieutenant Williams, ok we'll talk about that. J. Catizone Jr., we'll talk about that.

Alicia Rutkauskas, I have another clean up date coming up on August 24th it's a Friday. I was wondering if maybe the Street Department might be able help if we have any thing that needs to be loaded. R. Krick, I don't think that's any problem at all. James Petusky, Rob on that clean up thing going back to the Mahanoy Avenue for Friday can you get the Borough guys up there with a shovel and Kubota to clean out the ash and make it look nice up there. (Not sure what else was said) D. Heiser, I'm not going to ask them to take the Kubota up there. I don't know if that is a good idea. I can talk to Mike about it but if they have to shovel it they can shovel it but I don't think the Kubota might not be.

Robert Krick, I do have something and I'll be fair now. I'm addressing this as a citizen not as on Council. I had some issues with the sewer authority and it's quite clear that some people have been given a break. Whether that was by chance or by purpose. In order to get what recorders I did get and most of them are redacted their public minutes that I would contend as public documents and should not be redacted. I had to go and file an appeal to the State. Open records law just to see what I got and I can see some of the redacted material but there are various people in this town that are not paying the right EDU count and a few years ago this all came about. Like I said I'm only speaking as a citizen and maybe I should step down off Council for the moment but my property and everyone is aware of it. My property and the bottom I rented. I quit renting it I went to the sewer authority and said it is no longer going to be rented its part of my house. I'm going to put my collectables whatever in the bottom be like a den or a room. I was told absolutely not. I could not get a reduction in EDU's so I paid two. I could not get a reduction because the only way I could do that is if I take the water meter out and I have to have a separate water meter. Of course that was impractical because I didn't have a separate water meter. In the interim I belong to the Historical Society use my building to store their collection with my collection and meet once a month. Fine I never complained about paying those two EDU's but I came to a meeting and I watch people get reductions in EDU's. I saw people come and say well I'm not going to use the bottom floor. I saw them break their own rules and say we'll fine you get a right off. I saw a member of the board request that he be allowed not to pay any EDU's and not have the water shut off because he wanted to get heat left in his building. That was approved by the board. It was retracted the next month but it was approved by the board. Every end they don't want to tell me anything. I'm just saying this encourage people to come to the Sewer Authority meeting because if I want to read out who hasn't been paying the right EDU's the people who have been on the board, the people who should be paying much more than me. Like I say I'm not moaning if everybody is treated the same. And when I was on Council and this Sewer project was done that was the main concern that everybody be treated fair. There be nobody got special treatment but it's obviously not the

truth. I can go down buildings that have businesses in them and I'm trying to encourage people to ask questions and go to those meetings. Because one EDU for fifteen years if you average it at forty dollars a month because they were cheaper. If you average them at forty dollars a month and we can go to four eighty and we'll go to five hundred bucks. Do fifteen years that's seventy five hundred dollars. Do ten that's seventy five thousand dollars. Do twenty and I can guarantee you it is more then twenty. That's a hundred and fifty thousand dollars and they raised rates continually. And those people got away without paying the proper amount for the buildings they got. And like I say everybody's treated the same is fine but that's not the case. Even in the records I got they contended I could see any businesses I would contend that any body with over one EDU count is a business. It has to be an apartment building example I lived in an apartment building on North Seconded Street many years ago. There's three apartments in it two EDU's it should be three. We have a funeral home at the end of town it had a residency in it too one EDU. I requested any information that showed a reduction and they should of all. My position would be they should of all been done by public vote. None of those properties are in the reduction. So they been one from the beginning. If I believe what I have been handed. So we're talking about a lot of money that's been not brought in to the Sewer Authority and its costs everybody additional funds. So that's my big yelp. I encourage people to come to the Sewer Authority and put the squeeze on them and get some answers because this is crazy. Mary Beth Dougherty, I sit on the board and I totally confirm with that. When I got on and started connecting EDU's the list is staggering. The ones that I don't think are right. R. Krick, you now what it's insulting. The people who pay it is absolutely insulting. M. Dougherty, as of June we went through a list we came up with a list and to change to do it. We were supposed to send letters out to ones that we identified that Rob had mentioned and is right on the money about. Nobody could tell me when the reduction occurred. Nobody knows nothing on this list. Nobody knows what I'm saying. I don't know since the last meeting I was on vacation so I don't know if the letters were sent out but there is a meeting this coming Thursday night at 7 O'clock again. You know nobody can come in; I don't know why they were like this. I don't know. Joanne Edmondson, isn't there someone that checks this to enforce it? M. Dougherty, the board supposed to. R. Krick, the boards the one there to enforce it. The only question I might have and this is to Council. The fact that the Ordinance that's formed that requires mandated hook ups can only be enforced by the Borough of Girardville. The Sewer Authority has no authority to enforce any Borough Ordinances. Would that give the Borough the right to review the records to make sure everyone is hooked up? Because there's questions about a couple of buildings in town that I've been told about that aren't paying sewage that seem to have I don't know for sure because I've been in them have bathrooms, have facilities, have kitchens in them and their not paying. M. Dougherty, I can't find them on there. There's one that I can think of off the top of my head that I been told there's a hot tub in the place and it's not one the list. I can't find it on the list. R. Krick, so I don't know if that's something I don't know if we can request to look at the records? (Mary Beth was still talking at same time as Mr. Krick and don't know what she was saying). C. Riedlinger, you can request to look at them and if they say no you can make a right to know request. Ideally the Boards of the Authorities and the Municipalities that organized them usually cooperate and work well together. Your not usually loggerheads over things. M. Dougherty, GAMA was always not trying to screw anybody, just thinking it's just everybody's way of thinking. C. Riedlinger, but their records are their records and theoretically their the holder of the records but if they don't share them with you voluntarily you can make a right to know request. James Petusky, Edward is being paid for inspections and as a board member he can't make any other money other than being a board member. R. Krick, that's an issue with the Sewer Authority itself I don't know if we have a dog in that fight. We might not have a dog in this fight. (Mr. Petusky, was talking as Mr. Krick not sure what was said). R. Krick, that's something Council should think about I mean when we appoint somebody really think about it and try to get somebody who's. I agree with totally I mean that might be what it ends up being the only way to solve the problem. D. Heiser, control who gets on the board. R. Krick, can the board vacate when somebody, who you feel as

though would be straight up on it. C. Riedlinger, how many members are there five? R. Krick, five yeah five years you could. C. Riedlinger, clearly based on what I heard so far Mary Beth is one that I'm sure. Has the other people come up for; just replace them with other people. R. Krick, yeah I agree. Mike Huss, some of the people that didn't pay can they be billed back on anything? Is there a statute of limitations? C. Riedlinger, I don't think you'll be able to do that. Because they were probably given permission not to be billed by the board. R. Krick, if the board doesn't enforce it I mean that's there duty. C. Riedlinger, yeah I don't think you can go back. R. Krick, that would be the board to decide not us.

R. Krick, ok we're going to go into executive session concerning. C. Riedlinger, are you going to adjourn the meeting first? R. Krick, does anyone want to hang around until the end until we come back out? C. Riedlinger, I mean are you going to adjourn the meeting now and go under executive session? R. Krick, well if nobody is going to be here to hear what we done. We're not going to come to any conclusions. C. Riedlinger, are you because don't you want to hear the minutes, don't you want to hear the tape? I don't know if there is going to be a formal decision tonight. R. Krick, we're going to have an executive session but we're going to adjourn the meeting.

Motion to adjourn made by D. Heiser, seconded by F. McDonald. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Council and Solicitor went into executive session at 8:55pm.

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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** September 13, 2018 **TIME:** 7:30 PM

OPEN MEETING

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Robert Krick

Motion made by Charles Marquardt and seconded by Dan Heiser to make Annetta Whitecavage, Asst. Secretary for the evening to take minutes. Vote: all, Motion carried

ROLL CALL:

Members present: Charles Marquardt, Fred McDonald, Mike Huss, Dan Heiser, Robert Krick, Christopher Reidlinger

Members absent: Joe Catizone

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA: None

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

Minutes: Motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting made by Dan Heiser seconded by Charles Marquardt. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Motion to accept the report made by Charles Marquardt, seconded by Fred McDonald. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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

Mayor's report: Read by Robert Krick. Motion to accept report as read made by Dan Heiser seconded by Charles Marquardt. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Permit Officer's report: Read by Robert Krick. Motion to accept the report as submitted made by Dan Heiser seconded by Mike Huss. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Code Enforcement report: Read by Robert Krick. Motion to accept the report as submitted made by Dan Heiser seconded by Mike Huss. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Review and authorization to pay bills: Motion to approve and pay the bill list as read by R. Krick. Motion Charles Marquardt, seconded by Fred McDonald. Vote: All Motion carried

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Request for Handicap parking 202 E Ogden Street.
- b. Request for handicap parking 350 W Main Street.
- c. 124 A Street property resident interested in purchase. Atty. Reidlinger advised council to get appraisal --if less than \$1500 no bid will be needed, but must include county demolition costs in price. Council will get in touch with resident that is interested in purchasing property
- d. Request by Edna Labie interested in Street next to her property. Ed Labie explained why they want ownership of part of Shrub Alley and owned by borough. The road is deteriorating and makes maintenance difficult. Attorney Reidlinger explained Borough cannot sell property but they can abandon it. If abandoned the property would go to all property owners that are adjacent to it. R. Krick asked D. Heiser if Boro workers could do work on it like was done on upper side of Shrub Alley. Dan Heiser will look into it and see what can be done.
- e. Letter from Seltzer Group concerning safety committee for 5% Workers Comp discount. A safety committee was meeting and recessed for the summer but will resume shortly .

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Schuylkill County Fall Clean Up Thurs. Sept 20th, Friday Sept 21st from 9am to 5pm and Saturday Sept. 22nd from 9am to 1pm at the A Street school yard. No electronics.
- b. Thank you card from Career Link (student summer work program)
- c. Letter from Rangers Hose Company "Public Night Out" Sunday, October 7th from 3pm to 5:30pm located at 6 E. Ogden St. Request to block off street Motion by Charles Marquardt and seconded by Dan Heiser, Vote: all Motion approved

- d. Northern Schuylkill Council of Governments meeting Wednesday, Sept. 26 @ 7pm
Hosted by Gordon Borough. Dan Heiser will check with to see about Boro workers attending.
- e. Trick or Treat will be held in the Borough on Oct. 31st from 6pm to 8pm.

BILLS

Motion to approve the bill list as submitted and read was made by seconded by Vote. All.
Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Letter, flyers and magazines

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police:

Street: Storm box at Line and 2nd Sts. (Towers side) has been repaired.

Mulch was rec'd before rains-- will be put in as weather permits.

Seitz--rodent problem-Preston Ave cost is \$560 for first month, includes twice a week treatment. Then \$80 each visit for any additional visits needed. 1 month and if not alleviated revisit next month. Motion to start with Motion by Dan Heiser and seconded by Mike Huss, Vote All Motion carried.

Chris Reidlinger stated that Code Enforcement should send a letter to homeowner that they must alleviate the problem in 3 days if not a lien can be put on the property for the costs. To help with the cost of Seitz.

Purchase tree for Main St at cost of \$20 to replace damaged tree. Motion by Charles Marquardt, seconded by Dan Heiser. Vote: all Motion carried.

Request for Biddy Basketball to use Borough Hall for signups on 9/17, 9/18, 9/24 and 9/25 from 6pm to 8pm Motion by Dan Heiser and seconded by Fred McDonald, Vote: all Motion carried

Finance: None

Personnel: None

Code/QofL: None

Recreation: None

Recycling: None

Solicitor: Chris Reidlinger reported there is a hearing at the courthouse on Monday, 9/17 at 3:45pm to request approval for tax exemption for the properties the borough purchased for demolition. Asked if someone would represent the Boro at the meeting.

Chris also explained that an ordinance must be enacted for the entity representing GAMA for refinancing. The company has prepared a lot of documentation. A special meeting will be requested in order to approve ordinance.

Landfill: None

PUBLIC COMMENT

David Willis questioned what would happen to town if the rodents left Main and came elsewhere. Dan Heiser state that Seitz is catching or killing the rats and if they go elsewhere it will be addressed.

Ann Soucheck questioned if a landlord is behind on taxes can someone still rent out the apartment. Under ordinance Code Enforcement can deny occupancy permit if behind on taxes. Dan Heiser will check with Code officer to see if apartment was inspected.

Tom Clarke questioned if something can be done with the couch on Line Street. Dan Heiser will have Boro workers take care of it and put it at school for cleanup.

Ann Soucheck also asked about chair behind the school that the people who moved out left it. They moved to Ogden Street. Dan Heiser asked if power was on and they said yes and CE has been there.

Terri Krick asked if the garbage can in front of her property at 1 W Main St can be moved to 1 E Main Street. Council will have it moved.

Michelle O'Connell stated she was at a land bank meeting and Marrones is going to Judicial sale in November. C. Reidlinger explained that Michelle attended a landbank meeting and discussed the possibility of obtaining these properties since there is a few in a row and do something with

them to show what the landbank does. The landbank can purchase then convey to the borough and try to get funding to do something with the area. Whether or not the funding would be available is not known. The drawback is that the borough will have to pay taxes on them until something is done. The advantage is someday the landbank may want to do a project there. Michelle said the borough can try to get an exemption on the taxes.

Mary Beth Dougherty asked why the property owners were not cited for this, why were they allowed to just close its doors, lock it and walk away. This is potentially another one down the road. Why are we letting people get away with this shit. That is somebody this borough supported for years for generations and we just allowed them to walk away and its pathetic. We are sitting here talking about that type of building borough has to spend money to take care of. Its pitiful, they should be ashamed of themselves. I don't understand just because it's at judicial sale now. You can still start citing them, because of the new law that was just passed about properties and tax sales.

Chris stated the law that Mary Beth is talking about is the law I emailed you about earlier just passed by the legislators allowing citations to be written on properties up for taxes effective mid August.

Mary Beth I just don't understand why we are allowing it to go uncited. Dan Heiser said I think they were cited for the pool, deck etc and it was cleaned up. Unless there is something else. Mary Beth stated windows out where the AC's were. Possible rat problems there too, people said they were there and food was just sitting there, you may as will get Seitz on retainer. D. Heiser will have Code Enforcement revisit it and see if any more violations exist.

Michele said I'm not saying it cause I live next to it but it's a commercial district.

Mary Beth said is what you need to do is have a plan. That's what DCED said when they were here a few weeks ago and there is planning money available. Get grant application together.

They talked about Ogden St. now Main St. there needs to be a plan.

D.Heiser stated this has been on landbank's radar for awhile.

Mary Beth said it makes no sense to go at this willy nilly, to take a part without having a plan.

D. Heiser, because if it falls down then we are responsible for it

Mary Beth, I just don't see anything thru DCED or anywhere out there that is 100% it is all matching so again go back to planning and budgeting and all that kind of stuff.

D.Heiser like Chris said I'll keep working with Chris Gulotta and the land bank and try and do the master plan.

C. Reidling asked Michelle when is judicial sale--LandBank likes 30 days prior to work on it so you have about a month to sit down and see what you want to do.

R. Krick said when DCED was in town they said they had money for borough to come up with a development plan --where it is best to develop or not to develop. You gotta realize it's not the lack of houses in Girardville it's too many houses and it's that way throughout the coal region. That seems to be their position. With a plan you have a chance.

Terri Krick asked if a wheel chair ramp can be put on her property. It was explained that you cannot block the sidewalk. She stated there is one on John St. Council will look into it.

Michael Zangari wanted to add to the letter from the Rangers that the event is open to any Girardville Entity that would like to participate ex. Biddy Ball, Elder Abuse, everything will be set up in the lot.

R. Krick announced that council will be going into executive session on Personnel matters.

Executive session ended and R. Krick stated no decision was made so no vote to be taken.

Motion to adjourn made by Charles Marquardt seconded by Dan Heiser . Vote. All. Motion carried

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 11, 2018

Respectfully submitted,
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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** October 11, 2018 **TIME:** 7:30 PM

OPEN MEETING

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Robert Krick

Motion made by Charles Marquardt and seconded by Dan Heiser to make Annetta Whitecavage, Asst. Secretary for the evening to take minutes. Vote: all, Motion carried

ROLL CALL:

Members present: Charles Marquardt, Mike Huss, Dan Heiser, Robert Krick, Joe Catizone, Christopher Riedlinger

Members absent: Fred McDonald

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA: None

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

Minutes: Motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting made by Dan Heiser seconded by Charles Marquardt. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Motion to accept the report made by Charles Marquardt, seconded by Mike Huss. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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

Mayor/Police report: Read by Officer Williams. Motion to accept report as read made by Dan Heiser seconded by Charles Marquardt. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Permit Officer's report: No report.

Code Enforcement report: No report.

Review and authorization to pay bills: Motion to approve and pay the bill list as read by R. Krick. Motion Charles Marquardt, seconded by Dan Heiser Vote All Motion carried Rob Krick, stated to clarify that bills for cleanup week was cash collected and checks mailed to municipalities for their workers.

Question from resident about county waste bill, Rob Krick explained it is for trash collected from around town and street cans.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Request for Handicap parking 202 E Ogden Street.--Research to be completed on ramp at this address. Solicitor will look into ram. Motion by Dan Heiser, seconded by Mike Huss, Vote: All Motion carried
- b. Request for handicap parking 350 W Main Street.---- To be reviewed
- c. 124 A Street property resident interested in purchase. -- Council will send letter to women stating what needs to be done. Julie Rutko states kids are playing and running into street with bikes and may get hurt. Dan Heiser states street dept will put up fence to deter kids from playing in lot.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. 2018 CDBG Hearing and 504 Meeting : \$45000 for playground. Paperwork is on desk if anyone wants to review it.
- b. Letter from Good Time Club -- Permission requested for Halloween Parade, Sunday, October 28 at 2pm Motion by Mike Huss, seconded by Charles Marquardt, Vote: All Motion carried
 Permission to put up Christmas Decorations on 11/17 from 7AM until completion
 Permission for Santa Parade on 11/22 at 5PM Motion by Mike Huss and seconded by Charles Marquardt. Vote: All Motion carried

Rob Krick asked about Halloween--told it was decided at Sept Meeting for Oct 31, from 6 to 8 PM. Edna Labie stated the Historical Society will be handing out candy at the office. If anyone wants to donate a bag of candy for them to give out it would be appreciated. Charlie Marquardt made a motion to donate \$75 to the Historical Society for candy for Halloween. Rob Krick stated he don't think that is necessary and Edna Labie stated same. If some of our seniors come through like they did other years it would be ok if not they would take from their treasury. If they could drop off candy at Boro Hall it would be appreciated.

Joe Catizone suggested a safe trick or treat from 5 to 8 for younger kids to be out when still daylight. Council agreed. Council reminds residents to leave lights on if they want halloweeners

C. A letter was received from Attorney Robert Matta regarding Michael Cope. Rob Krick read the letter to council and public. It is tabled until next month for review.

Linda Catizone questioned if the ordinance reads that you can't move in if landlord owes anything in arrears. Rob Krick stated yes, I totally agree, but in all fairness we just got letter at 6:30 and would like the solicitor to look at it.

Questioned when were the regulations put in Rob Krick stated the ordinance was put in 2017. Ordinance is 2017-1 which states you have to be paid up to date in order to get an occupancy permit. Rob Krick said he doesn't think it's fair but can't speak for everyone that someone could owe that kind of money and still be able to make money. They owe the sewer authority 2900 bucks. Edna Labie asked why did sewer authority let them get so far behind. Rob Krick said I'm not the one to ask. I ask them questions and I get no answers so good luck. Dan Heiser said we just got this, we will wait til next month to address it.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Letter, flyers and magazines

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Street: Dan Heiser reports that women who had a Handicap parking spot on 'A' St. sold her house and the person who bought the house doesn;t need it so he called Mike to take it down, and he was under the impression that Terry OBoyle was not living on 'A' St anymore so he told Mike that if he wasn't living there they may as well take that one down also. After talking to Mary Kay he was informed that Terry still uses that as his place of residence so the next day it was put back. It was a misunderstanding on Dans part and is fixed Dan states he should have checked with Mary Kay and didn't but it is back. Mike and Jimmy didn't do anything wrong. Dan made the decision and it is put back. Hope that clears that up.

Dan Heiser states Bidy Basketball started up. Practice starts in 2 weeks then first week of November games start til pretty much end of February.

Finance: None

Personnel: None

Code/QofL: None

Recreation: None

Recycling: None

Solicitor: None.

Landfill: None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ed Labie questioned if anything on Shrub Alley. Dan Heiser told him that right now boro is going to fix top part with hot patch so you're not smashing your car going over it. That will be done in next week or two. Ed stated the water shut off is exposed and come winter it could be a problem when they are plowing. Dan said they have to get Mahanoy City's roller. No decision on whole road as of yet.

Tom Clarke wanted to thank Council for quick response in removing couch from Reed St.

David Willis asked what can be done about the influx of homeless on 4th St. and the walking path. Rob Krick said he is not sure about the garage. Someone stated that the Mt. Carmel cab took the women from the trail to the Pottsville homeless shelter. Not sure where the rest of the homeless are. Rob Krick stated it is a tough situation. State Police have been over there and stated that there really isn't anything they can do there is very few resources available unless she is breaking the law there is nothing he can do other than offer assistance and if she refuses there is nothing the state police can do.

Officer Matt Williams stated that Officer Jodi Long dealt with the women who went to the shelter. Nothing else they can do. The Police will have to patrol path more at night.

A lot of garbage was left on trail, Rob Krick states he is on board of Water Authority and they will get it cleaned up. Ann Soucheck said she would take a rake and shovel and clean it up, David Willis said he can help.

Rob Krick --the issue of the bldg on 4th St is an issue there have been several complaints and council should look into it.

David Willis said he brought the lady on the trail food and she said someone related to council brought her food over and he just wants council to know he appreciates that. He has no idea who it was.

Someone asked about the last house on 200 block of Main that was boarded up, it is now opened up again. Dan Heiser states that home was purchased and the guy is in there remodeling it. He knows no one can occupy it until it is inspected.

Ann Soucheck asked about the bldg next door to her if there is taxes owed on the bldgs in the back, technically if taxes are owed no one should be moving in. Rob Krick said that is his understanding, exactly.

Code Enforcement officer should have a list who owes taxes, maybe that is something council can come up with and Code Enforcement Officer would have to review before going to an inspection. Charlie Marquardt said if anyone is seen moving in contact council at borough hall and council will check with code enforcement to be sure everything is on the up and up and everything is inspected.

Dan Heiser said one of our problems is we have a PT Code Enforcement officer and because of that people are moving in then setting up inspections, there is zero occupancy until inspected. If they make an appointment and Bill is not available because Bill is PT then they shouldn't move in and if they do that landlord should be fined \$100 a day.

Joe Catizone stated that moving in without an occupancy permit is a \$300 a day fine by the borough. If you see that they are already in there get it reported to Bill. Chris Reidlinger said don't let it sound like you are going to get \$300 a day cause it's not going to happen. Joe Catizone said ok I'm sorry I take that back, that there is a fine for moving in tenants. Someone stated they thought it was supposed to be a 30 day notice. Rob Krick said no not in ordinance. The current Code enforcement officer has a day he inspects, here is a landlord, asked if he sticks to that the landlord said yes. If you put in for inspection you're not going to get it til Wednesday. Since he has been here its been Wednesday, so you don't have to give him 30 days. Ann Soucheck said her neighbor come into boro hall and the next day people are moving in and he does this over and over again. I assume he is not getting punished for it or he wouldn't be doing it. Council agreed. Rob Krick stated that Danny addressed that issue, he is going to talk to Killian about it and issuing fines when they do move people in before inspections. Charlie Marquardt said Bill's stance on it is they do not move into apartment or house until all procedures and code violations are corrected and occupancy permit is intact. Landlord should be fined if not.

Ann Soucheck states this landlord cannot be being fined, I can count about 10 times this has happened. Rob Krick said they will address it.

Chris Reidlinger said that in order to fine him the judge has to find him guilty and impose a fine and for a judge to find him guilty you have to have all the proceedings of a criminal trial taking place and prove that he is violating ordinance and you can't call the landlord to the stand because he is a criminal defendant with rights to remain silent and ask him if he left people move in. You're going to have to have proof that people moved in and be aware that this is not just a simple matter of saying you are fined, there is a citation, a trial, before Judge Hale, and has to be

proven guilty and she has to decide the fine unless the ordinance is a set fine, I would have to look at it. I don't remember off the top of my head.

Rob Krick said I think the issue with that property there is the guy doesn't live in town, he live out of state. Now it becomes an issue, if you cite him, does he come for a trial It could drag out, not that I don't think it's a good thing to be cited it's a tough situation.

Dan Heiser stated if you do it regularly it could be a deterrent for them not to have to go through it. Rob agreed.

Chris Reidlinger said even if they get found Not Guilty if you take them back over and over again with citations you can make it inconvenient for them. There's going to be proof problems in cases like this. You're not going to get cooperative tenants testifying against landlords that you illegally let me move into my house. There will be proof problems in cases like this.

Rob Krick asked Chris Reidlinger if he wanted to go into executive session and he said no he just wanted to talk to them after the meeting.

Terri Krick said she just wanted to know what went on with the officer that she talked about at a previous meeting. Joe Catizone said about the child, she said yes, Officer Williams talked to him about it and he felt sorry his response time wasn't fast enough and will try to do better, Terri Krick said 10 minutes when a child is being threatened. Joe Catizone and Officer Williams said he had someone in the station, he got there as soon as he could. He will do better to prioritize. Terri Krick said is there a reason that it was more important than a child being threatened. Officer Williams said he did not specify what the issue was he was dealing with, he got right up there when he got done with that issue. Office Williams stated that if it happens again he will have to tell the person to come back later and get right up there. He will prioritize what is more important.

Motion to adjourn made by Charles Marquardt seconded by Dan Heiser . Vote. All. Motion carried

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 8, 2018

Respectfully submitted,
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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** November 8, 2018 **TIME:** 7:30 PM

OPEN MEETING

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Rob Krick

Motion to have Annetta Whitecavage named assistant secretary in Candice's absence.

Motion by Mike Huss seconded by Charles Marquardt vote: all Motion carried

ROLL CALL

Members present: Rob Krick, Charles Marquardt, Fred McDonald, Dan Heiser, Mike Huss, Chris Reidlinger

Members absent: Joseph Catizone

Open to Public Comment: Rob Krick stated that there is no formal agenda so floor is open to public comment. Resident questioned about the ongoing yard sale at the home at the top of Main St. Dan Heiser states he spoke with Bill Killian about it last night and it is being looked into.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

Minutes: Motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting made by Mike Huss and seconded by Dan Heiser. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Motion to accept the report made by Charles Marquardt, seconded by Mike Huss. Vote. All. Motion carried. Rob Krick stated to note on this report that next month totals will be different because monies have been transferred between accounts to cover payroll and bills while secretary is off.

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

Police Report: Motion to accept the report made by Mike Huss and seconded by Charles Marquardt Vote: all Motion carried.

Permit Officer's report: none

Code Enforcement report: none

BILLS

Motion to approve the bill list as submitted and read was made by Charles Marquardt seconded by Dan Heiser Vote. All. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Exception letter received at the October meeting from Attorney Robert Matta--after discussion Council deemed it not justified to grant an exception to the ordinance.

Letter from Atty. Hampton for Kathleen Shermer who wants to purchase 124A St.that if Borough has interest in selling the property they are to advise her.

Referred to Chris Reidlinger, explained that appraisal needs to be done and pay County for demolition. May be better to do appraisals on all properties that are sellable.

Motion by Charles Marquardt and seconded by Dan Heiser to get appraisals on all sellable properties.

Question from resident--how will it be handled if more are interested. If the appraisal is more than \$1500 then bids have to be accepted. Question: how long is appraisal good for . Rob Krick said he wasn't sure.

CORRESPONDENCE

PA Association of Boroughs letter for dues. Motion by Charles Marquardt seconded by Mike Huss. Vote: all Motion carried.

Meeting notice for Council of Governments--Mahanoy Township Total Recycling representative will be there to discuss a possible electronic recycling

DCED letter stating that the 2017 audit is delinquent --happens every year because our audit company is always late with it. They are now working on it.

PA State Mayors Assoc. to allow Mayor to join if he wishes. Motion by Charles Marquardt and seconded by Dan Heiser. Vote: all motion carried

Fiscal Management Strategy course is available is anyone is interested cost is \$80

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police: none

Street: none

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School Building: None

Finance: Motion to advertise that the budget will be on display 12/1/18 for 10 days.
Motion by Dan Heiser seconded by Mike Huss Vote All motion carried

There will be no tax increase for 2019 and no tax anticipation loan

Solicitor: a motion to have Chris Riedlinger prepare a resolution to hire an independent auditor for 2018--Deegan Assoc. Motion by Charles Marquardt, seconded by Mike Huss
Vote: all motion carried

Charlie reminded everyone that Saturday Nov. 17, xmas decorations will be put up and flags and banners taken down. Santa parade is Thanksgiving at 5 PM

Rob Krick asked permission to use the Borough Hall for a Historical Society meeting at 7PM on Wed. November 14.

Edna Labie wanted to thank everyone for giving candy for Halloween, no funds were needed from the treasury of Historical Society or the Borough.

Motion by Charles Marquardt and seconded by Dan Heiser to Adjourn.

Meeting reconvened before anyone left including audience.

Motion to hire Tina Antalosky, Gilberton Boro Secretary to do payroll and bills for \$15 per hr while Candice is on leave.

Motion to adjourn made by Charles Marquardt seconded by Fred McDonald. Vote. All.
Motion carried

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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** December 13, 2018 **TIME:** 7:30 PM

OPEN MEETING

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Rob Krick

Motion to name Annetta Whitecavage, Asst. Secretary for meeting made by Charles Marquardt and seconded by Dan Heiser, Vote: All motion carried.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Charles Marquardt, Fred McDonald, Mike Huss, Dan Heiser, Rob Krick, Chris Riedlinger

Members absent: Joe Catizone

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA: none

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

Minutes: Motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting made by Charles Marquardt seconded by Fred McDonald Vote. All. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Motion to accept the report made by Charles Marquard, seconded by Dan Heiser . Vote. All. Motion carried.

Tax Collector's report: Motion to accept the report and pay the tax collector made by Charles Marquardt seconded by Fred McDonald Vote. All. Motion carried.

Mayor's report: Read by Matt Williams Motion to accept report as read made by Mike Huss seconded by Dan Heiser Vote. All. Motion carried.

Permit Officer's report: No report.

Code Enforcement report: No report. Resident stated that this is two months without a report. Dan Heiser stated that code officer stated he faxed it to office but it was not received.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Rob Krick asked if he should bring up budget at this time and all agreed. Rob stated that there will be no tax increase for this year. No tax anticipation loan will be needed for 2019. Rob read the budget:

Expected receipts: \$317,450

Expenditures: 324,390

\$7000 difference is expected to be made up with some from rollover and more from certain things not included. Rollover is expected to be approx. \$20,000.

Liquid Fuels \$46,500 which is a separate budget issue and budgeted separately

With no tax anticipation loan it is expected to save approx \$1200 this year.

Motion to accept the budget was made by Dan Heiser and seconded by Mike Huss. Vote: All Motion carried.

Question on the budget: Charles Marquardt asked if there was any raises for the cops or anyone and Rob Krick stated No Raises.

NEW BUSINESS

Charlie and Rob met with people from USDA today, they financed the dump truck. They stated that the borough may be eligible for very low interest rate loan to put a new roof on the borough building. Motion by Dan Heiser and seconded by Mike Huss to allow Charlie and Rob to get Engineer to do figures on roof estimates. Vote: All motion carried.

Dan Heiser reported that there were 4 tires and an alignment completed on the police car.

Dan Heiser motioned to purchase 2 body cameras for the borough, one for police and one for code enforcement. Matt Williams asked what company, and it was decided to check into the different cameras before purchasing. Chris Riedlinger stated that they should contact the Assoc. of Boroughs to see what policies need to be in place for using cameras, such as length of time need to keep footage, etc. Dan Heiser stated he will look into it and bring it up at next months meeting. Chris suggested contacting Schuylkill Haven Borough to see what they have since they have body cameras.

Chris Riedlinger presented an Ordinance to keep the tax rate at same as last year rate. Motion by Mike Huss and seconded by Fred McDonald. Vote: All motion carried.

Resolution to appoint Samuel Deegan as auditor for Borough for fiscal year 2018. Motion by Dan Heiser and seconded by Mike Huss. Vote: All motion carried.

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Reminder that last day for Curbside recycling is Thursday, Dec. 27, Will resume in April.

Letter from Marie Finlan requesting to be remain on the GAMA board in her current position. Council decided as in the past to advertise for any open position. Position will be advertised and Letters of interest accepted until Jan. 8 for the work session. Applicant must be a resident of Girardville and serviced by GAMA.

BILLS

Motion to approve the bill list as submitted and read was made by Charles Marquardt seconded by Dan Heiser Vote: All. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from NEPA with bill for \$275 membership directory. not approved.

Letter and bill from Federal Processing Registry from Florida demanding money immediately regarding SAM renewal, put on hold for further review

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police:

Street: Dan Heiser stated he will reach out to PenDot to help with storm drains for 2nd Street, Main Street and Mahanoy Ave.

School Building: None

Finance: None

Personnel: None

Code/QofL: None

Recreation: None

Recycling: None

Solicitor: None

Landfill: None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Edna Labie reminded everyone that the Good Time Club has their annual Christmas Ball for sale. Contact any member of the committee. Cost is \$9 and it is the Hibernian House. This is the only fundraiser they do for the street lights for the Christmas season.

A resident from W Ogden St question on property line, most property lines go to curb. What can he do about driveway and what is his option should he put a sign up. No one can park in a driveway. Matt Williams said to put a sign up, if cops can help or what. Matt Williams told him to call cops and they will help. Also told to paint no parking space. Also ask about a flood plain issue on partial building. Charlie Marquardt will get him phone numbers.

Question on update on 2nd and Ogden, council will talk to code enforcement. House on Main St. held up in bankruptcy. Chris Riedlinger will check into it. House on 2nd St. someone is moving stuff into it, in the middle of the night. Occupancy permit was denied. Code enforcement has been there. Garbage has been moved to back. Dan will have code enforcement look into it again. B Street house burning wood and other stuff in an old oil burner in the house. They will have Frank Filiziani look into it. BIU is responsible for looking into things like that.

Charlie said he would hope that the fire companies will work together with council and get the fire chief situation taken care of and ordinances can be worked on.

Motion to adjourn made by Dan Heiser seconded by Mike Huss. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Next meeting, January 10, 2019

Respectfully submitted,
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