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Reorganization Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** January 6, 2020 **TIME:** 7:30 pm

Judge Christine Hale administered the oath of office to all newly elected Borough officials prior to the meeting. Duly sworn were, Council members Edward Burns, Charles Marquardt and Brian Dempsey prior to the meeting, duly sworn by Judge Hale was Michael Zangari as Mayor and handed in copies oath of office and Certificate of *Elections. The Mayor then chaired the meeting for purposes of reorganizing announced Happy New Year.

OPEN MEETING

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Michael Zangari.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Frederick McDonald, Brian Dempsey, Edward Burns, Charles Marquardt, and Mayor Michael Zangari, and Attorney Arlen "Rick" Day II.
Member Absent: Michael Huss.

The floor was opened for nominations.

Nomination opened for Council President. Motion to nominate C. Marquardt made by F. McDonald, second B. Dempsey. No other nomination. Voice vote. All. Motion carried.

The Mayor passed the chair to C. Marquardt.

Nominations opened for Vice-President. Motion to nominated Edward Burns made by B. Dempsey, seconded by F. McDonald. No other nominations. Voice vote. All. Motion carried. Motion carried.

Nomination for Secretary/Treasurer. Motion to appoint Candice Squires made by E. Burns, second by B. Dempsey. No other nominations. Voice vote. All. Motion carried.

Nomination for Borough Solicitor. Motion to appoint Fanelli, Evans & Patel, P.C. made by E. Burns, seconded by B. Dempsey. No other nomination. Voice vote. All. Motion carried.

Nomination for Chairman of the Vacancy Board. Motion to appoint Joseph Chiaretti, Motion made by E. Burns, second F. McDonald. Voice Vote. All. Motion carried.

Nomination for Bank depository. Motion to appoint Mid Penn Bank made by E. Burns, second by B. Dempsey. Voice Vote. All. Motion carried.

Nomination for Code Enforcement Officer. C. Marquardt announced Bill Killian is our Code Officer but tonight they are going to ask for nomination for Assistant Code Enforcement Officer with out pay at this time and to allow the individuals to attend classes. Girardville resident stepped forward to help and get this problem in town corrected. Council will sit down with Bill concerning his pay and hopefully report back next meeting with answers to those questions. Council expects monthly reports, one code officer if not both to be at the monthly meetings to answer questions and give reports. Motion to appoint William Killian as Code enforcement officer made by E. Burns, second by B. Dempsey. Voted. All. Motion carried.

Nominations for Assistant Code Officer. Motion to appoint Dan Cress as Assistant Code Officer made by E. Burns, second by B. Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Nomination for Permit Officer. Motion to appoint Jean Ann Parfitt made by E. Burns, seconded by B. Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Nomination for Engineer. Motion to appoint Entech Engineering, Inc. Don Cuff made by E. Burns, seconded by F. McDonald. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Nomination for Sewer Enforcement Officer. Motion to appoint Larson Design Group made by E. Burns, seconded by F. McDonald. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Nomination for Environmental Certifying officer – usually Council President. Motion to appoint C. Marquardt made by E. Burns, seconded by B. Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Nomination for outside permit enforcement. Motion to appoint Building Inspections Underwriters, Inc. outside permit enforcement made by E. Burns, seconded by B. Dempsey. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Nomination for Right-To-Know Officer. Motion to appoint Ed Burns made by B. Dempsey, second by F. McDonald. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Nomination for Tax Collector Committee. C. Marquardt asked Annetta Whitecavage Tax Collector to be on the Committee. Whitecavage asked what it is. Marquardt said just a formality.

Permission to pay all the bills as due made by E. Burns, second by B. Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Committees: Chairman, alternate

Police: Edward Burns, Brian Dempsey
 Streets: Brian Dempsey, Edward Burns
 Recreation: Fred McDonald, Brian Dempsey
 School: Fred McDonald, Edward Burns
 Finance: Fred McDonald, Michael Huss
 Recycling: Michael Huss, Charles Marquardt
 Personnel: Charles Marquardt, Frederick McDonald.

Building: Frederick McDonald, Charles Marquardt
 Code/Q of L: Michael Zangari, Brian Dempsey
 Blight: Michael Huss, Brian Dempsey
 COG: rep Michael Huss, alt Brian Dempsey
 Landfill: rep Michael Huss, alt Edward Burns

Nominations for Land Bank. Motion to appoint Daniel Heiser on the Land Bank for the Borough made by F. McDonald, second by B. Dempsey. Voted. All. Motion carried.

Nominations for Flood Plain Manager Joseph Tinari made by E. Burns, second by B. Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Nominations for EMA personnel. Motion to appoint Brian Kimmel and Heath Ressler made by E. Burns, second by B. Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried.

C. Maquardt announced due to conflict of jobs like Mike they will be changing the meetings and work sessions. The monthly council meetings changed to the second Wednesday of every month and the work session will be every Sunday before it. No longer be Tuesdays and Thursdays. Only exception will be in November because of Veterans Day meeting moved to Tuesday instead of Wednesday. Work sessions will be held 6 o'clock and council will be held at 7:30. **Motion** to advertise meetings made by E. Burns, second by F. McDonald. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Girardville Borough Fire Chief. Motion to appoint Frank Zangari Jr. made by E. Burns, second by B. Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to close reorganizational meeting made by F. McDonald, second by E. Burns. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Reorganizational Meeting Respectfully Submitted,

Candice Squires

Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** January 06, 2020 **TIME:** 7:28 PM

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA: No Comment was made.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

Minutes: Motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting made by E. Burns, seconded by B. Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Special Minutes: Motion to accept December 31st made by F. McDonald, B. Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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

Permit Officer's report: None.

Code Enforcement report: None.

Tax Collector Report: None. A. Whitecavage will have one after the 15th.

BILLS

Motion to approve the bill list as submitted and read was made by F. McDonald, seconded by B. Dempsey. On the question C. Marquardt asked (School fund Antz Energy) heating is propane? Paul Kowalick said yes. Vote. All. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Demolition project 627 E Mahanoy Ave, Agreement with County of Schuylkill. C. Marquardt explained they meet with Commissioner Gary Hess, George Halcovage, and Frank Staudenmeier look at the property and with their help went out to bids. Northeast Industries bid \$61,642.00 awarded. County will fund 80 percent cost \$49,313.60, Borough cost 20 percent \$12,328.40. Marquardt thanked the County Commissioners for the help to get this problem solved. Currently waiting for the bonds and Insurance from Contract then will have 45 days to complete the project. **Motion** to approve, review & sign agreement Act 152 funds made by E. Burns, second by F. McDonald. Vote. All. Motion carried. Resident asked 627 has large tree in back. House comes down who owns the property? C. Marquardt said the contractor maybe taking the tree down to get in there. He has to go in from the rear. They all asked the same question and was told the same thing if they put it in their bid package, they included it in their price rear access.
- b. Floodplain issue with the Rangers Motion to sit down with the officers to come to an agreement with guy from FEMMA the Engineer and Council. Marquardt asked Frank to take that back to the Fire Company and they will send a letter asking them to meet. **Motion** to have Floodplain meeting/letter sent made by E. Burns, second by F. McDonald. Vote. All. Motion carried.
- c. GAMA Position from last year and another position open. Two candidates Joe Wayne and Julie Zangari who currently serves on there and her term is up. **Motion** to appoint Joe Wayne to GAMA board made by E. Burns, second by B. Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried. **Motion** to appoint Julie Zangari to GAMA board made by E. Burns, second by B. Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Girardville Borough Snow Emergency Route 3 inches or more of snow will be back. 3 inches or more no parking on Preston Ave and Lower Railroad first day of storm. Day 1 of storm even side of streets are Second, C St, B St, and A St. On day 2 no parking odd side of streets are Second, C St, B St, A St, and Ogden St. Until completion of roads must be kept open, vehicles that are not removed per above stated will be cited! Anyone caught throwing snow into the Street will be cited! Private contractors must remove snow piles they make or will be cited! E. Burns comment why it was ever taken off he did not know it worked and made sense. **Motion** to get back to snow removal made by E. Burns, second by B. Dempsey. Voted. All. Motion carried.
- b. Resolution 2020-1 Bank and approval of signers. Signers Candice Squires, Edward Burns, Charles Maquardt, and Frederick McDonald in case two are not available extra signer. **Motion** to adopt Resolution 2020-1 made by B. Dempsey, second by E. Burns. Voted. All. Motion carried.
- c. Resolution 2020-2 Fire Chief of the Borough read by C. Marquardt. **Motion** to adopt resolution made by E. Burns, second by B. Dempsey. Voted. All. Motion carried.

- d. Approval for the Fire Chief agreement and a rate at \$500.00 payable at end of the year. **Motion** to approve Fire Chief agreement and pay \$500.00 payable at end of the year made by E. Burns, second by B. Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried.
- e. Letter from LAOH Girardville request to use Borough Hall meeting room on fourth Wednesday of January, February, March, April, May, June, September, and October of 2020 at 7 o'clock. **Motion** to approve LAOH request made by E. Burns, second by F. McDonald. Vote. All. Motion carried.
- f. Letter from Schuylkill Tax Claim Bureau 45-09-132 lots south side of railroad street Anthony Gregis owner. Bidder is Cathleen A. Solliday on both parcels. A. Whitecavage stated she just bought Brian Gregis house at 81 Railroad. C. Marquardt said must be lots next to house. Frank Zangari said ones that are torn down, was a house fire years and years ago. Council has no objections they can leave it go. The additional information Council has said table this and look into it they have until February 3rd to respond or it will be sold. C. Marquardt said he'll authorize Council to review take appropriate action on this and will send a letter so everyone will communicate with each other and have Candice submit back to them before the 3rd of February.
- g. Letter from Northern Schuylkill Council of Governments reorganizational meeting Wednesday, January 22nd at 7pm hosted by Mahanoy Township Municipal Building to appoint COG delegate.
- h. C. Marquardt introduced the new law firm Fanelli, Evans, and Patel Solicitor Arlen "Rick" Day. Audience applause. C. Marquardt said that firm does \$2500 retainer fee for the year so that mean when they pick up the phone and call him, they won't be billed all the time. The same \$100 hour for additional things that may needed such as civil cases. **Motion** to approve retainer and \$100 hour rate made by E. Burns, second by F. McDonald. Vote. All. Motion carried.
- i. **Motion** to revisit the budget made by E. Burns, second by F. McDonald. Vote. All. Motion carried. Attorney Day said they can talk about the deficiencies they can readdress those.
- j. **Motion** to advertise reopen the budget made by F. McDonald, second by B. Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried.
- k. **Motion** to send and pay for Dan Cress and Frank Zangari on January 14th in Bethlehem to the Code Enforcement and Fire Codes at \$125 per person made by E. Burns, second by B. Dempsey. Voted. All. Motion carried. Part of the Certifications Danny will be going through in getting the rest of his certifications in Code Enforcement per Marquardt.
- l. Michael Zangari, Mayor discussed Facebook for our Borough. Council, Mayor, and Candice will have access to it but master way if member changed, they could remove that person from adding to it. This made to be used for advertising events Fire Companies, Biddy Basketball, parade information what have you. It will not be used to supplement posting in the newspaper as we are required to. It will be helpful such as today is day one of the snow removal. Mayor Zangari knows not everyone has Facebook but enough people do that he really thinks it will be affective in sharing the messages or pertain information that needs to come out. It would not be used for comment back or answer messages. That will not be a feature that would not be used utilized by this page. They would be on to post this is what is going on. If you still have concerns you still need to come to a council meeting, come up to the podium and address your concerns there and we will follow accordingly. Mayor asked Council to authorize him to sit with Solicitor to put together a social media policy. Policy not only for the Borough Facebook

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page but also covers any and all Groups or Facebook pages that any individual representing the Borough would be an affiliate of Committee Council or employee of the Borough. Mayor Zangari said it will also cover private page or pages so if you make your own page and you bad mouth the Borough and its found out there would be items in there that you can't do that and how ever the Council felt on what actions need to be taken. **Motion** to authorize the Mayor to work with Solicitor on establishing a Facebook page made by E. Burns, second by B. Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried.

- m. Mayor Zangari said if anyone does have up coming events Bidy Basketball. Paul Kowalick then addressed it and explain tomorrow night at 7 o'clock is their opening night ceremony for their Varsity and J.V. Basketball. Every year they celebrate supporters and sponsors of their league. This year will Honor the late Senator James Rhodes and Jaden Leiby the young athlete from North Schuylkill that was hurt. Rhodes family is coming, Senator Argall is coming and Kowalick would like to invite Council he had invited the previous Council two months ago. All Borough Officials should come will be nice and very good for the town.
- n. Mayor said the Girard Hose Company is having a bleenie sale Saturday noon to sell out and the Rangers are having a wing night. If there are events going on historical society things like that bring them here and we will announce them at the end of the meeting.
- o. Facebook websites out there. Councilmen E. Burns said there is two websites out there that use the Girardville name and they are not nice websites and not the truth is that illegal for them to do that. Solicitor Day said they can open up a page but can't represent the Borough if they are representing the Borough, we can do something about it. If they just create a page called Girardville Borough and they comments. E Burns said nothing you can do about it. Solicitor Day went on to say if they are lying that is a different story. Your definition slanders. The only defense to it is that it is true. So, if someone is putting something up that isn't true then you have an actionable issue. Sad part is usually those type of people have nothing to get from them anyway. E. Burns thanked the Solicitor.
- p. Request to approve to advertise Police Officers positions. Application accept until close of business February 07th to review on the 9th work session by Mayor. Mayor said at this time he would like to sit down with the Police Committee. They have one officer on the books and two officers who were interviewed by the Council but never established. He would like to interview them with the current Committee and have an answer for those three Officers. **Motion** to advertise for part-time police officers made by E. Burns, second by B. Dempsey. Voted. All. Motion carried. S. Gomosky asked from the public who interviews for the police? She commented we haven't had very good ones. C. Marquardt said Mayor and the Police Committee and rest of Council then. They do interviews background checks and the whole nine yards. S. Gomosky talked about her feelings. Another resident commented about money. Mayor Zangari said there is very different attitude now and we are not paying an officer to sit in a station or car. So, with that with the police comes tickets if you are speeding and a cop gets you, you get a ticket this is for warning to everyone that we are bring Police back, don't break the law. Gomosky said about before they were caught and if they knew somebody, they got away with it. Mayor Zangari said he is not fixing tickets you can take that to any paper that you want. C. Marquardt said he was just informed that the State Police Officer that is willing to sit in and assist with interviews.

- q. C. Marquart said he does not have a letter but from his understanding St. Patrick's Day parade will be held on March 28, 2020. Letter should be at next meeting.
- r. Mayor requesting additional police officers for parade and fire police. His understanding their costs gets reimbursed by the AOH. A. Whitecavage said they get paid by any vendor money. Borough has a vendor fee first and whatever the difference is the parade committee tries to offset. Last year Whitecavage said they gave more to help. A. Whitecavage added the Parade Committee is having a fundraiser at the Fountain Springs Country Inn on February 07th Dinner Dance. The Shanty's from Philadelphia will be coming up to play. **Motion** to approve Mayor to send out required information to the fire police associations to get assistance for the Annual Parade and the local Police Departments made by E. Burns, second by B. Dempsey. Voted. All. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Gentlemen from audience (John Smolock) asked about the flea market over here on Main Street was wondering if there was any progress? Obviously, they're running a business. Frank Zangari said you can cite her for \$25 under the quality of life and it is not going to work. Cite her for \$1,000.00 bringing her to the Magistrate it will get cleaned up. F. Zangari recommended to get back on track like they did have it \$1,000 fines, go to the Magistrate and get it cleaned up its long enough it's been sitting there two years eye sore. District five complained about plowing there with stuff out on the Street. Get back how we were fining people. E. Burns asked it that in the Ordinance? That they can fine that much. F. Zangari said the Ordinance is there. C. Marquardt said the County did come after them they sent out their people. Mayor Zangari said County gave them a time limit and the time limit surpassed. From his understanding it has gotten smaller but has not been totally cleaned up. Frank Zangari stated the parcel on each side of that property that owner does not even own. So, she engaged into another property and it is not even her property, so you have that issue. Plus, the stuff that is on the Main Street. Frank heard Council mention that they would sit down with Code Enforcement and said to prioritize some of the work. Resident said (presume Rose Chiaretti) they have one to the back of them on Ogden, Cope that's a pigsty and that's been a long time. C. Marquardt wanted to stress that they will sit down with the Code Officers, Fire Chief, the Mayor, and the Police Officers they are going to have a meeting the Council itself has come up and still in the process of a list they are asking the Code Office to comply too. C. Maquardt said to give them a little bit of time and will get it moving.

Paul Kowalick said the meeting he scheduled with the DCED that they were going to have here was canceled in December. He asked to have the meeting here January 28th about DCED grants. Kowalick is also asking to have members from Council to attend because the Borough owns the gym. Senator Argall's Office and MaryBeth has helped him with this. Kowalick doesn't want to miss speak but he will be soliciting big businesses for large amounts of money and in return they will get large amounts of tax credits. If the Borough has any intentions of doing any work up there on this building this is the chance to get a wish list January 28th at 10 o'clock deadline is end of April. **Motion** to allow Girardville Biddy Basketball, Council, and have person from DCED concerning grants meeting at Borough hall January 28th at 10 am made by E. Burns, second by F. McDonald. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn made by E. Burns, seconded by B. Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Candice Squires
Secretary/Treasurer

GIRARDVILLE BOROUGH **SPECIAL MEETING**

PLACE: Municipal Bldg.

DATE: January 12, 2020

TIME: 2:00 PM

OPEN MEETING

Open – Pledge lead by Charles Marquardt.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Fred McDonald, Brian Dempsey, Edward Burns, Charles Marquardt, and Mayor Michael Zangari, and Solicitor Arlen “Rick” Day II

Members absent: Michael Huss

The purposes of the meeting to Re-open the Budget:

1. Motion to propose raises 25 cents per hour for each worker, three Borough workers include Candice Squires, Mike Soucheck, and James Evans made by E. Burns, seconded by Brian Dempsey. Voted. All. Motion carried.
2. Motion to proposed paid Fire Chief of \$500.00 per year payable at the end of the year made by B. Dempsey, second by E. Burns. Voted. All. Motion carried.
3. Motion to propose increase Fire Companies yearly contribution by \$300.00 each made by E. Burns, second by F. McDonald. Voted. All Motion carried.
4. Motion to advertise budget in newspaper and to be on display for ten days made by F. McDonald, second by B. Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried.
5. These adjustments in the budget there will not be a tax increase.
6. C. Marquardt said the roll over in this budget is proposed \$67,000 to make these adjustments and we understand we did not have cops last year was part of it. We are moving the payroll from \$140,000 to proposed \$145,000.00 and the total expenditures will come out instead of \$333,000 going to \$338,145.00 and in General Government Disbursements from 40,495.00 to 39,495.00. Revenue changed 329,000 to 361,000. Motion to approve proposal made by E. Burns, second by B. Dempsey. Voted. All. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn made by E. Burns, seconded by F. McDonald. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Announcement:

- a. Next Regular Meeting: February 12, 2020 @ 7:30p.m.
- b. Work session have changed from Tuesdays to Sundays, Council meetings changed from Thursdays to Wednesdays.

Respectfully submitted,

Candice Squires
Secretary/Treasurer

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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** February 12, 2020 **TIME:** 7:30 PM

OPEN MEETING

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

ROLL CALL

Members present: Brian Dempsey, Frederick McDonald, Edward Burns, Charles Marquardt, Mayor Michael Zangari, and Solicitor Arlen "Rick" Day II.

Members absent: Michael Huss

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

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

Minutes: Motion to accept the special meeting January 12, 2020 made by F. McDonald, seconded by B. Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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

Mayor's report: Mayor Zangari said they have three officers hitting the Streets and tonight is the first night they will be hitting the rotation. The public is urged to call and leave message if there are issues. Officer Long will be going around with the new Officers to show them the Streets, please feel free to stop and say hi to introduce yourselves. Denna is here this evening she is our new officer with 20 plus years of experience to help us out. Mayor Zangari welcomed her and thanked her. Next month they will have a legit Police report.

Code Enforcement report: Read by Mayor Zangari. Then Mayor Zangari went on to say himself and Councilmen Dempsey meet with the three Code Officers for a three-hour meeting. Frank Zangari and Dan Cress are now both sworn in and both have badge numbers. They are now able to issue citations as Code Officers. They are working on a job description for Code Officer Killian who is working very close with them and can design it they way it can best fit Girardville. Mr. Killian is required to have a scheduled time in the Borough that he is available to meet with share concerns, what have you, could be to come check up on a complaint. Those will be posted but it is Saturday mornings from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. he will be in the building. Mayor Zangari explained Mr. Killian is a volunteer firefighter if for some reason he is not available we will post that and what his rescheduled time is. The discussion with him was he needs to be available with all three shifts of working people first, second, and third. Saturday's mornings work the best for him. Saturday mornings seem to be what is going to work. That will be posted, and he will be here in the office. They have a copy of all the properties that have been cited. Some that could be in a bunch of loopholes could be in bankruptcy court. He has court dates coming up multiple court dates. One thing I want to point out. He had

six inspections out of those six inspections the Borough recoups \$120.00 we pay the man \$150.00 each week. That week the Borough spent \$30.00 to have a Code Officer not including what we could recoup if we win those citations. If there are citations issued and we win those citations. Part of this is understanding one, things do not happen overnight. We have legal obligations, we have to give them so many days, we have to wait for court hearings. We have an issue right now where the court has moved a hearing four times on us because the defendant was unable to attend. Those things are out of our control. What Zangari can tell the public is he is now required as the Code Officer to submit a report and an updated list on his spreadsheet of last month this is where we were at with these properties' citations. Here is where we are at these thirty days. So, we can track them and ensure that the job is actually being completed. On that one issue he did bring up in order for us to file a citation and to win in a court hearing we have to have a written complaint that we can show the court this is where this complaint steams from especially if its not something seen by the naked eye off the Street. Which means we have forms here you need to come over and it can be with him on that Saturday morning or it can be during normal business hours. You need to fill out that complaint form and sign it. We have to have that to go to court we have to have a paper trail. Same thing if you're calling and leaving a message. This phone does not record the time you called. You have full name what time you are calling at during the day and what your complaint is and the best time and phone number to call you back. Part of his logs show me every phone call that comes in. So, if you come up and say I called four times. I'll be able to verify that. Part of that is we need that full message over there. Expect that call on that Saturday morning because that is part of what he is supposed to be doing. It's not going to be fixed overnight but we are certainly making great progress. Thanks guys.

Motion to accept the Code Officers report as submitted made E. Burns, seconded by F. McDonald. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Permit Officer's report: Motion to accept the report as submitted and read made by F. McDonald, seconded by B. Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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

BILLS

Motion to approve the bill list as submitted and read was made by E. Burns, seconded by B. Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried. On the question C. Marquardt asked Heller's Gas bill doubled \$540.10? C. Squires said it might be doubled. C. Marquardt made the correction to General fund total \$12,260.77.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Budget proposal. Motion to accept the 2020 Budget total revenue \$331,000.00 total expenditures \$338,145.00 made by F. McDonald, second by B. Dempsey. Voted. All. Motion carried.
- b. Part-time Police Officers two candidates Todd Ohlin and Brian Morris. **Motion** to hire Todd Ohlin made by E. Burns, second by F. McDonald. Voted. All. Motion carried. **Motion** to hire Brian Morris made by E. Burns, second by B. Dempsey. Voted. All. Motion carried. Mayor Zangari said they both will start at the same as our last Officers which is \$14.50 hour base. They are both eligible for premium shifts and there is no pay raise after 90 days probationary period. Background checks are not back yet this motion is in conjunction that they both have a clean background check that we anticipate. **Motion** to be hired upon their background checks made by E. Burns, second by F. McDonald. Voted. All. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Fire Police 4 were duly sworn in by Mayor Zangari. Audience applauded.
- b. Resignation Letter for Mike Huss given on January 12th, 2020 effective. **Motion** to accept resignation of Mike Huss made by E. Burns, second by F. McDonald. Voted. All. Motion carried. Motion to advertise for Councilmen term ends December 31, 2021. Deadline is March 6th at 2pm made by E. Burns, second by F. McDonald. Voted. All. Motion carried.
- c. Request permission to order salt for season 2020-2021 Costars Program as needed 22 or 44 tons. Motion to approve to get the salt order as needed. On the question E. Burns asked do you need the 44 ton? C. Marquardt answered we going to put the 44 in and order what we need. C. Squires confirmed if we need it if not, we will only order the 22 in the beginning of March. **Motion** to approve salt order made by E. Burns, second by F. McDonald. Voted. All. Motion carried.
- d. Letter from Girardville St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee conduct Annual parade March 28th, 2020. **Motion** to approve the parade made by E. Burns, second by B. Dempsey. Voted. All. Motion carried.
- e. Letter from Jack Kehoe's Hibernian House, Inc Extension of Liquor Licensed outside premises and to close Beech and Line Streets. **Motion** to approve requests made by E. Burns, second by F. McDonald. Voted. All. Motion carried.
- f. GAMA Requesting to use Girardville Borough Fire Chief and Code Office for inspections they are requesting two inspectors and will be responsible for the cost of the first and second inspection as needed. GAMA will provide any equipment needed to complete the inspections. Motion to approve GAMA requests made by B. Dempsey, second by F. McDonald. On the question C. Marquardt asked if GAMA is paying their fees for being out there. E. Burns nodded yes. Voted. All. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. flyers and magazines
- a. Letter of thank you from Christ United. C. Marquardt explained that Entech Engineer made the donation to the food bank on behalf of Girardville Borough.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police: Mayor Zangari asked for a motion for St. Patrick's Day Parade and for our two Borough workers. The rate is \$20.00 hour and gets reimbursed through the permit money. Motion to pay wages St. Patrick's Day parade at \$20.00 per hour made by E. Burns, second by F. McDonald. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Building: C. Marquardt and Vice President Edward Burns and Engineer meet with Tonya St. Clair from USDA. C. Marquardt said we're currently working on a combined effect two projects through grant and low interest loan of 2.75 at the given time. For placement of roof and new backhoe for Borough. The paperwork is in the process updates and reports. Paperwork we're still handling, and they are accepting. We hope it will go through and we'll have more follow up on that as it moves along.

C. Marquardt announced any questions with the project and the Rangers regarding FEMMA. They are currently working with Julius from FEMMA and the Engineer is involved in that along with our Solicitor and we'll have more answers as that become available. C. Marquardt then explained we're currently working on propane tanks as that becomes more available, we'll have that for the general public. Those people in the floodplain will be required to follow the guidelines that are set forth in there if you have propane cylinders in the floodway. As it gets closer and we get things all narrowed down. We'll have copies and we'll have direction on how you have to proceed all this cost will be incurred by the homeowner it will not be incurred by the gas companies. As this progress with FEMMA and us and we get things rectified we'll let everybody know.

School Building: E. Burns stated they had some rentals; they took in \$175.00 for January so far. Not continuing Biddy Basketball gives then they'll have some come up this weekend.

Building: C. Marquardt announced that last year the Borough joined forces with GAMA to close off the Borough Office and put safety bulletproof glass in. They are in the process of purchasing security system inside and outside the building that will be wired in. Monitor the recycling center and the island. People coming in can go to the window and talk to Candice there. Its for Candice's safety along with everybody else's safety. Just because this is the day and age, and this is what we got to do. We asked GAMA and they joined forces with us to purchases this and as we get this finished here hopefully everything will be fine.

Solicitor: Arlen "Rick" Day said the Right-To-Know requests you can not ask a Borough entity whatever to make a list for you. If your requesting something you must request a record. The Borough is getting requests to make a list from unions and general people. They're contacting me and you guys are spending your tax dollars to contact me about something they should be allowed to request in the first place, but the Borough is required to respond. Reports of Code violations and anything else to the Borough are not subject to the Right-To-Know request. Every Borough Council we get these requests. I want to know who reported this and I want to know who reported that. That is not subject to the Right-To-Know if you request it it's going to be denied because its not subject to it. Your wasting your Boroughs time requesting something you can't get. I love making money but some of these are just ridiculous. Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT

From the audience (Robert Krick) question was asked on the AOH permits that are issued who has the authority. The permit issued by the parade committee that permit is not in law its just made up. Who can enforce that? Does anyone really have to honor it, you have the Borough permit then you can be a vendor. Annetta Whitecavage said only one issued is the Borough permit. Mayor Zangari said Annetta is doing our permits for us but they're on behalf of the Borough the fee is \$50.00 permit is issued by the Borough. A. Whitecavage said the A.H.O. is not doing permits this year. R. Krick said not doing permits at all ok. Mayor Zangari said the permits are issued by the Borough Annetta is doing. A. Whitecavage stated she is going to sit here and collect for the Borough not for the A.O.H. on parade day. R. Kick asked they're not issuing permits? A. Whitecavage stated no. They're not collecting any money for the permits it will all go to the Borough for the fees.

R. Krick added another comment he had. Mr. Krick went on to say is the fact that Code Enforcement is going to inspect sewers there has been favoritism played in this Borough with the sewer authority for decades in EDU counts, in the way people pay the back, and I don't think anyone from the Borough should have anything to do with it. It should be purely an outside contractor with no contact. Edward Burns stated we tried that Robbie we couldn't get no body. We advertised for companies to come in here and do it for us and we there was no response. R. Krick said this will be the third time there supposed to be inspected. We're back to the same game there be favoritism and people got to realize some people are g get hammered. E. Burns said that is not the reason we are doing that to hammer people. R. Krick said they'll get hammered

because their houses have never been inspected to begin with. E. Burns said it's a different inspection. Not a sewer inspection. R. Krick stated I don't care. The fact is. Its not a sewer inspection what is it. E. Burns informed it was the stuff that was put on after the inspection. R. Krick said nothing was put on after the inspection. E. Burns said then you'll have nothing to worry about then. R. Krick asked if someone had something that was inspection and now its ok to have to reinspect it and say that's not ok don't worry about it. Those are going to incur pretty big costs. C. Marquardt said you need to get with the sewer authority.

Frank Zangari said he is objecting to what Krick is saying. We were trained, we were told what we had to do by legal. We know what we have to do. There are three issues. We're not in there inspecting somebody's home, or EDU's, or anything else. He sat on Council for years and didn't set nothing up to correct this. Move ahead we're not going to sit here and listen to this. R. Krick repeated move ahead. People paid to get their sewers inspected. F. Zangari and Rob got into an argument. Both C. Marquardt and Mayor Zangari said that's it. Mayor Zangari said Chief. Frank that's it move on.

Mary Beth Dougherty said she had one quick question with the hole sewer thing. She asked is there still a Borough SCL? C. Maquardt said yes Larson Design.

Annetta Whitecavage said she wanted to shed some light on that letter from Christ Cupboard that food pantry was set up to help people in need. Anyone in the area. There is no restriction on what Church you go to where you live what town you live in or township. Anyone can come on the second Thursday of every month. Actually, its tomorrow from 9 to 12. It's set up that you pick the foods, it depends on the size of your family on how much you get and your welcome. Its on the Gordon road by the right aside of the soccer field. Anybody is welcome that needs food. If you can't get there on the day you need food and you run out of food call the Church. They'll set up a pickup time for you to pick up a box of food. It does go by Federal regulations you do have to be within the federal guidelines, but anybody is welcomed to come. Annetta thanked Council and Entech for giving that donation.

Karyl Moser wanted to state the St. Joe's Community Church in Girardville has been partnering with some of the people in the community to help clean up the St. Joe's Roman Catholic Cemetery. They will be holding the opportunity for another meeting on February 22nd which is just a get together meeting to decide what dates they want to have the clean up again and that will be at 9 a.m. it's a Saturday. C. Marquardt asked if it's down at the Church. K. Moser said yeah at the Church. E. Burns wanted to comment they're doing a fine job thank you very much. K. Moser wanted to let them know for parade day. Moser said I don't know if many people know about this it seems like from the times that they have been there. They will have the upstairs open for an open house on parade day. They tried to do it from 10 to 12. It always seems like people want to come in after. They are going to try and do it from maybe 10:30 to 11:30 and then maybe open up again when the parade's over. Mrs. Moser said she knows the building is geared to a lot of people's hearts and they'd like to see the inside. Just go in they will have an open house again. C. Marquardt thanked her for that they appreciate it.

Motion to adjourn made by E. Burns, seconded by F. McDonald. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** March 11, 2020 **TIME:** 7:30 PM

OPEN MEETING

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

Council President C. Marquardt asked to please stand in a moment of silence for the Schuylkill County Commissioner Frank Staudenmeier.

ANNOUNCEMENT Public is asked during the public comment in beginning and at the end they are to come up to the podium, state name, address and speak. Audience is asked to please be quite while that person is speaking. Moving forward Council appreciates everyone to do that.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Brian Dempsey, Frederick McDonald, Edward Burns, Charles Marquardt, Mayor Michael Zangari, and Solicitor Arlen "Rick" Day II.

Appoint Councilmen: Applicants for open seat. One was Joseph Kessler. Motion to appoint Joseph Kessler to fill in remaining position of Michael Huss was made by E. Burns, second B. Dempsey. Voted. All. Motion carried.

Mayor Zangari administered the oath of office to all newly elected Borough official prior to the meeting. Duly sworn, Council member Joseph Kessler.

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

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

Minutes: Motion to accept the January regular meeting minutes made by F. McDonald, seconded by B. Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to accept the minutes previous meeting made by E. Burns, seconded by B. Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Motion to accept the report made by F. McDonald, second by E. Burns. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Mayor's report: Read by Mayor Zangari. Motion to accept as submitted made by B. Dempsey, seconded by F. McDonald. Voted All. Motion carried.

Code Enforcement report: Read by Mayor Zangari. **Motion** to accept the Code Officers report as submitted made by E. Burns, seconded by B. Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Permit Officer's report: no report submitted.

BILLS

Motion to approve the bill list as submitted and read was made by E. Burns, seconded by F. McDonald. Vote. All. Motion carried. C. Marquardt added on the demolition we still have to follow up with them, work is done, total \$61,000 and sum. Siding is being completed another payment will be due.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. PEMMA and Borough still working with and the Rangers Hose Company. Follow up information will come per Marquardt.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Girardville Historical Society is requesting to hold their meetings at the Borough hall due to no longer afford to meet at the 1 West Main Street Property. Motion to approve meetings on first Wednesday every month at 7 o'clock made by E. Burns, second by F. McDonald. Voted all. Motion carried.
- b. Meeting Notice Wednesday, March 25th Council of Governments (COG) hosted by Frackville Borough.
- c. Ashes will be picked up only Fridays starting April 24th if days are Holiday will be picked up next scheduled business day. Must be covered during rain fall. Curbside recycling will resume last Tuesday each month start on Wednesday April 29th due to Election Day.
- d. Letter from Rangers request to hold Easter Egg Hunt read by C. Marquardt. Motion to allow Hunt in Little League field and Park was made by F. McDonald, second by E. Burns. Vote all. Motion carried.
- e. Letter from GAMA requesting clerk 8am to 2pm, Mon-Friday Hourly rate discussed at later time. Motion to approve advertisement of clerk and deadline set for April 03rd @ 3pm made by F. McDonald, second by B. Dempsey. Voted all. Motion carried.
- f. Girardville Seniors donated \$300.00 to the Borough C. Marquardt Thanked them and we appreciate Edna very dearly, their contribution to offset costs at Borough Hall.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. flyers and magazines

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Streets: E. Burns said we'll get a sweeper in the parade route dates probably be 23, 24, and 25th from Shenandoah. C. Marquardt said we'll have the Streets cleaned and the guys will be doing potholes on any of the parade route and anywhere else that is needed. He believes they will paint the numbers on Friday. Mayor

Zangari said the no parking will be posted that Wednesday 25th and Officers will be out that Friday to remind residents they can't park where it's posted no parking. C. Marquardt added prior to the Street Sweeping we'll have notices out no parking day of the Street Sweeping. Anyone who decides to clean up in front of their house please contact the Borough Hall for guys to pick up their piles.

Building: C. Marquardt said we are in process of working with Tonya St. Clair from USDA going forward with the backhoe and roof project. Engineer is taking care of the roof now and we did get estimates on a backhoe and we are getting closer with that.

Police: Mayor Zangari talked about last meeting they proposed two names and hire Brian Morris he has been out in the Street and seems to be doing really well.

Building: C. Marquardt said we have revamped the office area with the safety proof window, and we redone work in the office changed things around stuff like that. Marquardt thanked the GAMA they supported them with this and offset the costs with this project. Borough is in the process of getting a security system in the building and outside the building that monitor the recycling center, island, the entire building.

School Building: E. Burns said they got a couple of more rentals for the month. Burns read GBA letter regarding donors for new roof heating and electrical the donors are eligible for a tax credit program 75%. The letter talked about all the improvements they are looking for \$150,000.00 for all upgrades. Paul Kowalick said they meet with the gentlemen about this because you can't get grants anymore or loans. They applied for this program that Senator Argall's Office Mary Beth made them aware of and became eligible. Kowalick asked if anyone knows of a big business who is willing to help is not easy to find they are willing to do the dirty work. E. Burns asked about a timetable? Kowalick said if we don't get people in by April 30th, we can apply again next year to become eligible. E. Burns added any companies that you work for if you can mention to them so we can get started would be great, to get them started especially the roof over there so it doesn't ruin that beautiful floor.

Streets: Charlie had one more thing. They meet last week with the Engineer and Fire Chief. Street Committee along with Aqua Engineers. Aqua is coming through with another phase of their project which would include B Street. Frank Zangari said it includes West Mahanoy Avenue, East Mahanoy Avenue, Ogden Street, and Julia. He wanted to say Line and down Line Street. Out for bids on Friday the 13th. Marquardt said they are hoping for a quick turn around and based on the contractor we'll have another contractor to finish out the phase upgrading the water system.

Police: Mayor wanted to bring this up. Today in the Borough he received multiple complaints that a gentleman was going around soliciting for. Annetta Whitecavage said PP&L. Mayor corrected well yes but under another name. They rounded up all five of them and what they told them their name was off their badges and name of the company they work for. Turned over to our Police Officers. They did not have a permit and hopefully you did not give them information. In the future he added. Anyone that is soliciting in the Borough it's posted everywhere you enter; they have a permit to solicit. They have to be approved to do that. If they approach you with something like this and you asked to see the permit and they do not present it to you. First of all, do not give them any information and second of all please contact the Borough hall or Police department to report it. Sadly, until he got home from work and able to do it, they were in the Borough for hours. Mayor don't know who they got to but is trying to spread the word. If they did get your information, please report it to the Police Department. Officer Denna will be looking into it tonight to get to the bottom of it because they don't believe they were who they said they are.

CDBG: C. Maquardt said they got their 2020 CDBG program. Applications are due into the County by Friday, July 24th for funding consideration and no exceptions to deadline. To provide you with information

on 2020 application process and solicit input on the housing community develop needs within the County you are requested to attend a public hearing on Wednesday, April 8th at 1pm in the Commissioners Board room in the Courthouse in Pottsville. Marquardt went on to read the letter and said we're going to meet with the Engineer and go over some of the issues. We do have a current project in now and believes this is another phase to it. They hope to move forward and get funding to complete both projects.

Code: E. Burns said Danny started the inspections already. Daniel Cress commented just to let the public know they have started. It is going very good and the people they have dealt with so far had been fantastic and had no problems. They are in and out of homes; very polite. They are moving through the Streets. Doing it Street by Street. They are not doing one business one home. If somebody has something and running across town for another house they own there or downtown for another one. We are doing Street by Street. Dan stated they are going really good. E. Burns thanked Dan.

Solicitor: Arlen "Rick" Day said This is the time of year when you have the coat your driveway for a thousand dollars going on. First sign of trouble when a guy shows up in a shinny new pick up with out a scratch on it and no dirt in it whatsoever. Second one is they want the money up front all of it before they do anything. So, you'll have people come to your door knocking. Stick with a local guy you know is legit. Second thing the solicitor said he'll sound like a broken record we have yet another request for information. The request wants Candice to go threw all kinds of paper and come up with a list of stuff. You can not request the Borough to provide to do work. If there is record you can request a record you can't make them prepare and make a record. Solicitor said he likes open records requests, but you got to be specific one, so they know exactly what you want and two it has to be a record. If you say we want a list of all of this. The response is going to be the Borough is not required to make a list. If you want to ask for the documents that would have that information in, and they are open for production they'll be glad to do it. It's a shame how much time is spent me looking at records. When I look at it right away. And I want you to do this, well you know what tell us what records you want, and we'll be happy to give them to you.

PUBLIC COMMENT

TJ 533 E Mahanoy Ave he attends North Schuylkill High School. This marking period they are required to do a job shadow. He is interested in Job shadowing Officer Denna for the day. Could be a weekday and he would be excused from school. Mayor Zargari asked to meet after the meeting, and they'll go into the office he thanked him for his interest.

Robert Krick 1 West Main Street asked how much the Borough is paying on every inspection for the sewer authority to the inspectors. C. Marquardt said the Borough isn't paying anything its GAMA. Krick said the Borough paying and the employees are getting reimbursed by the sewer authority. You technically are employees right. C. Marquardt and E. Burns said no. Mr. Krick said I think if I sat at the meeting that's what the situation began that you were using Code enforcement through the Borough. Are they independent contractors through the sewer authority then? E. Burns said that's what they would be GAMA is paying. Krick asked whose payroll are they getting paid out of? E. Burns said GAMA's. Krick asked if GAMA has a payroll. E. Burns said no not really. Krick said coming out of Borough checks I take it. C. Marquardt said so in other words what is happening is the Borough. Burns said GAMA doesn't have a payroll. Krick replied so they'll tax the Borough employees and salary is twenty bucks an inspection. E. Burns said correct. Krick said so for both people. So, its forty bucks. E. Burns said no. Mayor Zangari said no, only one member is being paid. Krick said ok. How many units are going to be inspect. E. Burns said approximately seven hundred, seven hundred fifty.

Robert Krick said you reopened this budget, and no one gave any details on what occurred after that budget was open and re-voted on. Solicitor Day question are you asking what we changed in the budget? Krick said

yeah, you can look at that budget and that's just a general it doesn't say anything exactly what was changed. Other than numbers. Where the Borough employees given a pay raise. C. Marquart stated yes. Mr. Krick asked if there were any other significant increases say a Organizations or anything. Council said Fire Company. Mr. Krick asked how much were they increased to? C. Marquardt said three hundred dollars apiece. Mr. Krick said so its 1500 dollars per year for both Fire Companies, a piece.

Motion to adjourn made by E. Burns, seconded by B. Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** July 08, 2020 **TIME:** 7:30 PM

OPEN MEETING

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

ROLL CALL

Members present: Brian Dempsey, Joseph Kessler, Frederick McDonald, Edward Burns, Mayor Michael Zangari, Charles Marquardt. Solicitor James Amato filling in for Solicitor Arlen Day.
Members absent: None.

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

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

Minutes: Motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Due to Covid-19 no meetings were held, March Minutes made by E. Burns, seconded by F. McDonald. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Motion to accept the March Treasurer's report made by E. Burns, seconded by B. Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Motion to accept the April Treasurer's report made by E. Burns, seconded by J. Kessler. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Motion to accept the May Treasurer's report made by E. Burns, seconded by J. Kessler. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Motion to accept the June Treasurer's report made by E. Burns, seconded by F. McDonald. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Tax Collector's report: Motion to accept the 3/01/2020 - 3/15/2020 report and pay the tax collector made by F. McDonald, seconded by E. Burns. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Tax Collector's report: Motion to accept the 3/16/2020 - 3/31/2020 report and pay the tax collector made by E. Burns, seconded by F. McDonald. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Tax Collector's report: Motion to accept the 04/01/2020 – 04/15/2020 report and pay the tax collector made by E. Burns, seconded by J. Kessler. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Tax Collector's report: Motion to accept the 04/16/2020 – 04/30/2020 report and pay the tax collector made by E. Burns, seconded by B. Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Tax Collector's report: Motion to accept the 05/01/2020 – 05/15/2020 report and pay the tax collector made by E. Burns, seconded by F. McDonald. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Tax Collector's report: Motion to accept the 05/16/2020 – 05/31/2020 report and pay the tax collector made by E. Burns, seconded by F. McDonald. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Tax Collector's report: Motion to accept the 06/01/2020 – 06/15/2020 report and pay the tax collector made by J. Kessler, seconded by B. Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Tax Collector's report: Motion to accept the 06/16/2020 – 06/30/2020 report and pay the tax collector made by E. Burns, seconded by F. McDonald. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Mayor's report: Read by Mayor Michael Zangari. Motion to accept March report as read made by E. Burns, seconded by B. Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Code Enforcement report: Motion to accept the March report as submitted made by E. Burns, seconded by B. Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried. Mayor Zangari said Code office closed due to the pandemic.

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

Code Enforcement report: Motion to accept the April report as submitted made by E. Burns, seconded by J. Kessler. Vote. All. Motion carried. Mayor Zangari no occupancy inspections office closed due to the pandemic.

Mayor's report: Read by Mayor Michael Zangari. Motion to accept May report as read made by E. Burns, seconded by F. McDonald. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Code Enforcement report: Motion to accept the May report as submitted made by E. Burns, seconded by F. McDonald. Vote. All. Motion carried. Mayor Zangari office closed due to the pandemic.

Mayor's report: Read by Mayor Michael Zangari. Motion to accept June report as read made by E. Burns, seconded by F. McDonald. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Code Enforcement report: Motion to accept the June report as submitted made by E. Burns, seconded by F. McDonald. Vote. All. Motion carried. Mayor Zangari we started office back up since we were closed.

Fire Chief's report: Motion to accept the January to end of March 1st Quarter report as submitted made by F. McDonald, seconded by E. Burns. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Fire Chief's report: Motion to accept the April to end of June 2nd Quarter report as submitted made by E. Burns, seconded by B. Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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

Edward Burns asked Dan Cress if they have started the inspections. Dan Cress replied if you guys give us the ok at the GAMA meeting. We'll get it on the record, the GAMA meeting then we'll go. Dan and Frank will go when they get the go ahead from them guys.

BILLS: Motion to approve the April bills list as submitted and read was made by E. Burns, seconded by J. Kessler. Vote. All. Motion carried.

BILLS: Motion to approve the May bills list as submitted and read was made by F. McDonald seconded by B. Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried.

BILLS: Motion to approve the June bills list as submitted and read was made by E. Burns, seconded by F. McDonald. Vote. All. Motion carried.

BILLS: Motion to approve the July bills list as submitted and read was made by J. Kessler, seconded by F. McDonald. Vote. All. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. GAMA clerk position three applications received. C. Marquardt said we need to set up interviews and bring the three individuals and hopefully have a decision by the August meeting. Let Candice know when everyone is available for interviews and she can contact them. E. Burns said we will do them same day.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. USDA Grant/Loan C. Marquardt said its for a new roof on Borough building and a new backhoe. It is \$150,000.00 Grant and a \$50,000.00 loan for a total of \$200,000.00. Everything is just about completed.
- b. Solicitor James Amato, Resolution to approve Borough Solicitor Legal Service Agreement between Borough of Girardville and J. Amato's firm Fanelli, Evans, & Patel to perform loan and grant duties and to provide services for this loan and grant. Cost to the firm is \$500.00. **Motion** to approve resolution made by E. Burns, second by B. Dempsey. Voted. All. Motion carried.
- c. Solicitor James Amato, Resolution to approve Legal Service Agreement for Bond Council this agreement between the Borough of Girardville and the Law firm of Cerullo, Datte, and Burke who will also perform legal services and provide legal services with regards to reviewing contracts, documents, and resolutions and providing the loan company with all the information necessary to approve the loan and grant. Legal services will be capped for Cerullo, Datte, and Burke in the amount of \$1,500.00. **Motion** to

approve Bond Council Legal Service Agreement made by E. Burns, seconded by J. Kessler. Vote. All. Motion carried. James Amato announced total Legal services for the loan and grant will be a total of \$2,000.00.

- d. USDA FORM 1942-47 with appropriate insertions to be completed by the Borough Solicitor and Bond Council in order to obtain financial assistance in the form of loan and grants from the Rural Utility Service of the United States Department of Agriculture. **Motion** to approve the loan resolution made by E. Burns, second by B. Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried.
- e. Engineering Proposal Bid Roof. **Motion** to accept Entech Engineering bid for the roof their cost \$7,500.00 on the question is that part of the loan? C. Marquardt replied yes this is part of the loan part of the combination of the loan grant. Tonya needed this letter also submitted in. **Motion** made by J. Kessler, second by B. Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried.
- f. CBDG South William Street Stormwater Project in the amount of \$181,500. Municipal Governing Body authorizes Entech Engineering to submit the application for funding on its behalf. **Motion** to approve Resolution 2020-3 made by E. Burns, second by J. Kessler. Voted. All. Motion carried.
- g. CBDG Municipal Building ADA Improvements Project in the amount of \$83,500. Municipal Governing authorizes Entech Engineering to submit the application for funding on its behalf. **Motion** to approve Resolution 2020-4 Made by J. Kessler, second by F. McDonald. Vote. All. Motion carried.
- h. **Motion** to retroactively approve April and May Meetings canceled made by E. Burns, second by J. Kessler. Vote. All. Motion carried.
- i. **Motion** to retroactively approve advertisement meetings postponed covid-19 made by E. Burns, second by B. Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried.
- j. **Motion** to retroactively approve Summer free lunch program made by B. Dempsey, second by J. Kessler. Vote. All. Motion carried.
- k. Request to approve 2020 Fall Clean Up September C. Marquardt asked Candice for the dates. C. Squires replied September. Thursday the 17th, Friday the 18th from 9-5, and Saturday the 19th from 9-1. **Motion** to approve Fall Clean Up made by F. McDonald, second by B. Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried.
- l. Tax Claim Bureau letter parcel 45-7-0034 location 209 East B Street bidder Douglas A. Litwhiler purchase price \$1,197.00. C. Squires said this is a repeat he put in for it again and last time you had denied him. He is trying again. C. Marquardt said it is due by this Friday and asked Council their thoughts. C. Marquardt asked if it was denied because of the condition of the property or because of the person in general? Council state not because of person in general. C. Squires the person had not lived in there. Squires didn't remember what the conditions were if he had other properties, she was not sure. Did not know if anything had changed since the last time. Solicitor said if he has any properties with outstanding taxes or outstanding liens would be bases of grounds. Solicitor suggested to due diligence and preform some more investigations on his other properties and if he is current on all his taxes. C. Marquardt suggested if he hasn't any outstanding taxes and all. Tabled until next Friday to see what is going on.

- m. 2020 Dues Northern Schuylkill Council of Governments C. Marquardt asked for a motion to pay the \$100.00 dues. No motions made.
- n. Meeting notice for COG Wednesday, July 22nd, 2020 7pm Masks required, and social distancing will be practiced. Hosted by Mahanoy Township Municipal Building. Second notice dues are due from COG. C. Marquardt asked what is the Council decision on this are we staying in the COG? We getting out of COG? Or need more time to research this? Can we put something on record here? E. Burns said we'll research it more.
- o. Letter Ringtown Valley Fire & Rescue requesting fire police on August 22nd at 1pm. Hosting the parade for the 66th Annual Schuylkill County Volunteer Firemen's Convention. Mayor Zangari is ok with it at the discretion of the Fire Chief based on if something is happening in the Borough. **Motion** to approve request of Fire Police made by E. Burns, second by B. Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion Carried.
- p. Letter Handicap Parking Application submitted for 235 E. Mahanoy Avenue read by C. Marquardt. E. Burns, said that there was only two that was in charge of this and if my name was mentioned and it shouldn't been this week first time I knew you applied for it and Brian can speak for himself. E. Burns asked Brian if he had any knowledge of it? B. Dempsey stated just what he had given me recently. Ronald Zangari state that was six years ago. E. Burns said they were not in charge of it back then. They will look into it. C. Marquardt said we'll hold this, and you guys will look into it. Your looking for an application correct Ronny. R. Zangari is looking for a response. C. Marquardt said you need the application to submit to your doctor correct. R. Zangari said he needs signs there to unload his groceries. C. Marquardt stated he needs a letter from his doctor and fees Candice has all that. R. Zangari said he has a form. C. Marquardt said you have all that a copy of his paperwork from his doctor and all. R. Zangari said he had a copy here if you need it from the State. C. Marquardt said I have the personal plate application. We also need to get a letter from your doctor too. R. Zangari said he put in a month ago. C. Marquardt asked from his doctor and all. R. Zangari said he didn't know what he needed, and he contacted the office and then. C. Marquardt said to see Candice after the meeting, and she'll tell you exactly what you need to do. He had contacted Officer Long, and he had told me he was going to contact her for a form like this and never gotten a form. I included a self-addressed envelope and never gotten a form. C. Squires said I spoke to him on an email and told him to bring it up at a meeting and then we'll give you the information at the meeting because we were closed at the time. E. Burns said the placard as nothing to do with getting a parking place. I shouldn't say that it has nothing to do with it. The need. You need to give the doctor to give to us. R. Zangari talked about his health issues. C. Marquardt asked if R. Zangari had anyone else up in that area because if he applies for it, do you realize that anybody with a handicap plate can park in it. R. Zangari state nobody else is. The only one else that did is dead. R. Zangari asked how they enforce the placard number like when you go to Mt. Carmel and Aristes, how do they enforce that number. C. Marquardt said that Girardville don't do that, we don't have any placard numbers. We just issue the handicap spot and designate it out. R. Zangari the placard is for the driver? That's not for the car. C. Marquardt said yes. You're looking for the spot. Ron asked its for the driver that parks there and if they don't have an ID like I

have they shouldn't be parked there they can be towed. C. Marquardt said if it was labeled that way, but we don't label them that way. I understand what you are saying some communities have it where they designate it. R. Zangari said it is a State Law as far as I know. Mary Beth Dougherty said no it is a State Law if any resident has that. (too many speaking at the same time) C. Marquardt said the placard has to respond to the car, the same thing, but we don't have that like Mt. Carmel does. Ours is just no parking handicap spot. R. Zangari said if his neighbor gets his grandmothers placard and he parks there and I have a video of him there parking there he's parked illegally correct. (more talking at same time no longer addressing Council.) C. Marquardt said to see us after the meeting Candice will get you the paperwork and get it to the Street committee and they will be in touch with you. Do you have your phone number on there correct? R. Zangari said yes.

- q. Curbside Recycling resume on July 28th last day of the month run until December 29th weather permitting.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Letters, flyers, and magazines.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police: Mayor Zangari reported from Officer in Charge Jody Long. Girardville Police Department is now equipped with Narcan nasal spray for self-use. Each officer has two kits with a back up kit in the station. Each Officer has completed the online certification test in Narcan spray. Narcan was donated by Frackville.

Officer Long request two spaces in front of the Girardville Ambulance Building on Main Street to be removed and painted yellow no parking. States there is no sight distance from pulling out it is a hazard to traffic and pedestrians. 101 and 103 West Main Street. Mayor said directly in front of the Ambulance building even though the ambulance can't come straight out. E. Burns said PENNDOT decided that, which ones had to be painted and which ones didn't. We didn't have to do that. That's when Marrone's was there that's what they looked at pulling out the side. If they were out the front that would have been different. E. Burns thinks they would have taken the whole road and painted the sidewalk, but it didn't. R. Krick said about State permit. C. Marquardt talked about they didn't want them to enter out the front. They had to make the exit on the William Street side. Mayor said there is no sight distance off of the William Street traffic hazard and for pedestrians especially with the Unity there. We have people walking back and forth as well. C. Marquardt asked is it the next two spots after the yellow line. Officer Long is asking to be repainted and the extra two spots. C. Marquardt said your asking for the corner of the Ambulance building to be painted yellow and the additional, are you talking about the house right next to the Ambulance building taking those two parking spots. Officer Long said right in front of the Ambulance building. E. Burns said in front of the building not the houses. Joseph Catizone said poor spots right in front of the Ambulance building you'd have to take all four of them away right Jody. J. Long said it would only have to be two. J. Catizone said he understands. Mayor Zangari told Officer Long they would contact PENNDOT and see what they can do for him.

Mayor Zangari said Officer Long can attest to this, they have been having issues with the Police computer since they have been up and running this March. The issue with the computer mainly

it's outdated running on widows 7. They system that they use for the Police reporting which holds names, date of birth, social security numbers etc. Its very important and confidential information is at risk. We did not have any issues, but we don't want to have any issues. Request to Council to purchase new computer for the Police Station \$875.00 with that use a reporting system called Ensink. Ensink will allow to upload everything incident report to inventory to JNET logs evidence list. It will also monitor everything an Officer does so God forbid an Officer was doing something wrong or removing information that shouldn't been all those key strokes are recorded. So, if it came down to do an internal investigation we could right now we do not have that capability. That program and initial set up is \$1900 and change. In addition, it is roughly \$600.00 per year to continue that subscription. The Mayor feels we need this we live in an era where everything is computerized. Last thing he wants to see is personal information lost or stolen because someone hacked the computer. We put this request in on 5/12/2020.

Motion to approve computer purchase from Liquid Technologies \$875.00 made by J. Kessler, second by E. Burns. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to approve purchase Ensink program and cost of initial year start up \$1,995.00 and \$575 first year subscription. On the question J. Kessler, the initial cost of the program and first year for support. J. Long correct. Motion made by E. Burns, second by B. Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Mayor Zangari said they did a Essential Items Drive for our neighbors up in Gilberton and would like to extend a massive thank you from all of our hard working residents of this Borough, Lowes Distribution Center, Advance Auto, there was some Church groups. From the Mayor's heart he wanted to thank you. They had a tremendous amount of stuff. Special thanks to Council for supporting the initiative. Also, our two Borough guys who donated their time and their wives to take the stuff up to donated. They were very very thankful and extended they're thanks to the Borough this meeting room was filled twice with donations. It was really nice to see people come out to support them.

Mayor Zangari stated Officer Deena Krammes from our Police Department her sister-in-law is selling red white and blue placards they are \$10.00 apiece. She is donating half the money back to the Police Department so we have them if anyone would like to purchase them. When we get that donation, we will be using it for outreach programs for our Borough children and some upgrades in our Police Department to ensure that our Police Officers are performing the best they are in our Street. Mayor knows they are but when ever there is a question, he wants to be able to provide that information saying here it is here is a video of it see it.

Mayor Zangari said Officer Jody Long has been doing one hell of a job last three months. Mayor Zangari went on to say he really kicked it up a notch and police reports show it. Lot of things getting cleaned up and the Police Department is coming back with a roar. He is doing a job of a Police Chief but does not have the title. Mayor feels he should have the position of a Police Chief he's already doing the job without the title. He has already agreed to keep payrate and everything the same. At this point it would be a title change for the remainder of the year and Mayor believes he earned. Mayor Zangari went on to say he has handled some large cases and he has a feeling we will continue with that. He thinks it is only right to give him a title which was earned here and is asking Council to take that into consideration for Officer in Charge Jody Long. E. Burns said to Jody we will have a Police Committee Meeting. We can't do anything until next month hang in there.

Landbank: C. Marquardt said Schuylkill County Landbank is in the process of applying for a grant to acquiring and demolishing properties. He read an email from Mr. Heiser which read. If they are awarded the grant they'll acquire properties in Girardville are 6, 9, 21 West Ogden and 24 East Ogden. Danny Heiser called C. Marquardt who asked him to look at 132, 134, 136 West

Main Street. Danny went back spoke to Chris and the individual preparing the form that the grant award is based on the readiness of acquiring the properties for demolition. With that being said, the Ogden Street properties would be the logical properties to acquire and demolish if we were awarded the grant as they are all on the current Repository List. Only one of the Main Street properties is on the Repository List. Of the other two, one is in bankruptcy and the taxes are paid current on the other. My question to Council is if the Land Bank is awarded this grant and acquire the Ogden Street properties, would the Borough accept ownership of the properties after the demolition is completed? Hopefully in the future, the Land Bank will be able to assist with the Main Street properties. Thanks Danny Heiser. C. Marquardt said he did make that suggestion to him and they did check into it. The Engineer was up today and looked at it. Marquardt was also in contact with County Commissioner Hess. He hopes there is funding in the County and see how they can acquire them one is in bankruptcy and the other one our Code Officers are citing all three properties the backs are falling down the roofs are gone and the fronts are pushing out. Soon or later if they hit the ground, we'll have to clean them up. Marquardt said we'll try to get this together and hopefully get those properties taken care of on Main Street. In the meantime, the Landbank is trying to get a grant for this particular project in Girardville. Marquardt believes this is a no brainer and go along with this and should accept the properties when its done. Some are in the floodplain and if the neighbors take the properties for an extension of their yard its not going to be much more to do with them. **Motion** to get back to Danny and the landbank the Borough ok with that made by E. Burns, second by F. McDonald. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Street: C. Marquardt said EMK is in the Borough doing the water project and Don was here doing stuff with that.

Storm drains on top of Second Street and one over on 54 on Second Street. Marquardt asked EMK for a quote. He asked for a quote from Ronka when they were here and never received one. Marquardt said they came up looked at the top of Second and looked at the one side of 54 and the one on the other side they said they can repair that one. Marquardt was in contact with Klementovich which we have to boxes and two grates available to us. He got a bid spec from EMK to do the work. Total Cost \$5,400.00 from start to completion. Because we are working with PENNDOT on this there is no permit required only thing EMK would have to do which they have to do anyway. They have to follow PENNDOT guidelines for traffic like they are on 54 now. Motion to accept EMK bid as submitted made by E. Burns, second by F. McDonald. Vote. All. Motion carried.

C. Marquardt had Don in today issues with boxes up on Fourth Street. Engineer suggested to eliminate the upper box because it doesn't do anything. The lower box with the curbing which he thinks comes out on A out to Fourth. Engineer suggested putting box in there or a building a new box taking the curb thing out and making it flush. Our guys are going to look into that, or Bill would see if there is any other grates available. We need just a grate and make our own box. We're looking into that and get that project done also in the summer and this time of year. There are three other ones they're currently looking at that we got supplies for to repair and fix. Most of the storm boxes we're probably need to by grates. There is a lot but three very important ones now.

C. Marquardt reached out to two different Street Sweeping departments on is Stanley Sweeping PENNDOT uses. The other is DDI and can only do Street Sweeping on weekends and it's a minimum of eight hours and is \$225 per hour and booked solid they claim. Stanley Sweeping is \$125 per hour port to port. So, when they leave there port until they get back to their port we are

billed for that time. At the cost its 125 per hour and need to list the Streets then we need to set it up with them. Then need coordinate with the Police Department. The guys need to go and get all the intersections taken care of. Then we can get them in here to do the Street Sweeping and get as many Streets as we can. E. Burns does not think it is necessary to get it done right away with the construction work going on. He feels we should wait on this for a while. C. Marquardt asked if everyone else feels the same way. Then asked Joe. J. Kessler asked what would be the issue tabling this? Is this urgent? C. Marquardt said no. E. Burns agreed it should be tabled. C. Marquardt said table it until next month.

C. Marquardt talked about the tree issues on Main Street. He contacted Ark Rentals about the high reach and there is a 35 or a 50-footer. The guy did recommend the 50-footer because it is a pull behind, and you can park between two trees and reach both trees at the same time. We do have an account there he will give us 15% off and if we rent for the week about \$600.00. If it is rented less than three and a half days which is hourly and 150-160 bucks an hour correction daily. J. Kessler asked its \$600.00 plus a 15% discount. C. Marquardt does not know if he included the 15% on the paper. If we get it, we'll have to book it. People use it a lot, so we have to book it and make it no parking in those areas to get those trees done. Then make a box in the back of the dump truck and we are going to attach the chipper right to it. When cutting the limbs feed it right into it right then and there. Not going back and forth to the island. Motion to approve rental for cutting tree limbs made by J. Kessler, second by F. McDonald. Vote. All. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mary Beth Dougherty 355 West Main Street. She wanted to bring it to the attention of Council the cribbing up at the Railroad crossing up the bank hill it is horrible. Horrible and somebody has to talk to the Railroad again and get on their case. She said you may end up in a hiring but check it out she is amazed the train has not collapsed there. Its bad check it out quickly its really bad. C. Marquardt thanked Mary Beth.

Motion to adjourn made by E. Burns, seconded by F. McDonald. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** August 12, 2020 **TIME:** 7:30 PM

OPEN MEETING

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

ROLL CALL

Members present: Brian Dempsey, Joseph Kessler, Frederick McDonald, Edward Burns, Mayor Michael Zangari, Charles Marquardt, and Attorney Arlen (Rick) Day II.

Members absent: None

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA: Terri Krick asked to open the door. C. Marquardt said sure asked Daniel O'Connell to open the door. Which he did. No other comments.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

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

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

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

Mayor's report: Read by Mayor Zangari. Motion to accept report as read made by E. Burns, seconded by B. Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Code Enforcement report: Motion to accept the report as submitted made by E. Burns, seconded by B. Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Permit Officer's report: C. Marquardt no Permit report at this time.

BILLS: Motion to approve the bill list as submitted and read was made by E. Burns, seconded by J. Kessler. On the question F. McDonald. Motor fund total is not right. C. Marquardt correction \$2,406.46. Vote. All. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. GAMA Clerk 2 interviews. E. Burns said they interviewed Leeann and Crystal Wagner. **Motion** to hire Leeann Evans made by E. Burns, second by F. McDonald. Start on Monday. Vote. All. Motion carried.
- b. 209 B Street Property Tax Claim. **Motion** to approve sale to Douglas Litwhiler made by E. Burns, second by F. McDonald. Vote. All. Motion carried.
- c. Northern Schuylkill Council of Governments. C. Marquardt announced received second notice to pay dues \$100.00. No Motion made. Robert Krick said by not paying it will not get you out of it you have to do it by ordinance. R. Krick suggested to check into it on how to withdraw and contact them. C. Marquardt said we will table it this meeting and have our solicitor research this to see what we need to do. Marquardt asked council if it their decision to get out of it. E. Burns wants to find out more about it and what it does for them and what they do for that.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Agreement for Engineering Services for USDA loan/grant roof and backhoe. C. Marquardt explained and read the agreement. **Motion** to approve Engineering Services Agreement made by E. Burns, second by J. Kessler. Vote. All. Motion carried.
- b. Aqua water Main replacement Highway Occupancy Permit for Route 54. Agent GHD Incorporated. SR0054 Highway pavement between Second Street and intersection SR4041 intersection. New main on the curb line. C. Marquardt said it's an application's authorization for agent to apply for a highway occupancy permit. Marquardt questioned this the applicant is Girardville Borough and the agent is GHD Inc. Huntington, PA who is the overseer for Aqua, on the project. His understanding is there was issues applying for the permit and PENNDOT sent it back that they needed to do things and they sent us a copy back. Marquardt asked Don on his input in this and is reading it out to the public. Charlie explained more on the project. C. Squires said this is from Don he wants a copy if approved or to Ann from GHD. C. Marquardt asked does he want this approved and sent back. Squires said they do need it to submit the application in. C. Marquardt asked why we are getting this. C. Squires said they are working in our Borough and the HOP is the response for Aqua water main replacement on 54 through the Borough. PENNDOT is requiring them to do the ADA handicap ramps to be installed on Second Street. I guess they were not going to do the ramps and PENNDOT said they need to do the ramps. **Motion** to authorize the application made by E. Burns, second by F. McDonald. Vote. All. Motion carried.
- c. Ordinance 2020-1 read by Solicitor Arlen Day. Consideration to adopt and incorporate UCC Construction Code. Solicitor Day said in the first reading he sees some corrections with the subsections that has to be made. It should actually be 721. 7210-101 in paragraph 1. Instead of just having without the dash and that will be corrected for the second reading and that is the only thing that will be changed in the ordinance as a second reading. It has to be advertised at least 7 days but more than 60 days from adoption. In all other places thinks you have to read this three times you don't. Motion to move forward with Ordinance 2020-1 made by E. Burns, second by J. Kessler. Vote. All. Motion carried.
Annetta Whitecavage asked if they can speak up a bit, they are having a heard time hearing them in the back.
- d. Tax Claim Bureau letters one for 333 West Preston Avenue assessed owner Highland Investment Prop LLC bidder is One The Way Reality Corp purchase \$1,427. C. Marquardt said we have this one to review. The other is a private sale parcel 45-08-0096. C. Marquardt read letters believes 222 W Railroad Street is a lot bid \$500 bidder is Karl

Paskevich. Marquardt asked if Council if they want to take action now. One they have until October and the other one they have to have a decision by Wednesday, August 19th pertaining to 333 W Preston Avenue. The other one can hold on to yet or if you want to make a decision we can also. **Motion** to approve 333 West Preston Avenue made by J. Kessler, second by E. Burns. Vote. All. Motion carried. **Motion** to approve 222 West Railroad Street lot made by J. Kessler, second by E. Burns. Vote. All. Motion carried.

- e. Official Enforcement Notice from County Planning and Zoning. C. Marquardt believes this was with a Code Officers he believes on Main Street they were over on the neighbor's property when they put a wall up, he believes. Dan Cress corrected yeah, the garage. C. Marquardt said yes, the garage then read the letter. His understanding is they did come over on neighbor's property and they have to remove the wall from the property. Dan Cress thinks with the new law it has to be three feet off the property line. C. Marquardt said this would be at the rear of Preston Avenue and property owners are located on the Main Street.
- f. Letter Schuylkill County Voter Registration/Election Bureau request to hold elections at the Borough November Election. **Motion** to approve and submit form made by E. Burns, second by F. McDonald. Vote. All. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Letters, flyers, and magazines.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Street: E. Burns wanted to talk about putting a gate down on Oak Street paper road this will solve a lot of problems for the people down there and they are in agreement to it. We'll get a gate put up and have a key to it. Whenever someone has to go back there for said time, we'll allow them to do that. Price for gate is \$89.00. C. Marquardt asked if that was the only one, we are getting for the park down there too? E. Burns stated we need one over here it's a cable. If something ever happens, we should get a what is called a cattle gate for the two separate things. F. McDonald asked about the lot behind the post office. C. Marquardt added the one over here going into where the old park was. E. Burns said we had talked about that where the gate is there now. C. Marquardt said a gate goes across, but it is open. E. Burns questioned if they could get over the curb. F. McDonald said it's a six-inch curb. E. Burns said he didn't know how to feel about putting a gate there if they can get over the curb. Mayor Zangari added if you mark it no parking and closed that lot. The lot is supposed to be used for special events only. Mark it closed no parking then we can enforce it through the Police Department. Motion to purchase gates for the three locations made by J. Kessler, second by E. Burns. Vote. All. Motion carried.

E. Burns checked the parking permit and found a couple of things wrong with it. E. Burns addressed Ronald Zangari to inform him the form itself is wrong. The doctor filled it on your placard for a certain address. Then the form itself is filled out a different address. He is to come into Candice and get that corrected. Then redo the whole thing again. Ron asked about the addresses. E. Burns said the addresses are wrong one has. Mr. Zangari state he has three properties. E. Burns replied where you want it the parking. The doctor signed a different property and they have to coincide. Mr. Zangari asked where it says it has to coincide. E. Burns said what you're asking for the doctor signed for one address and your asking for another. R. Zangari state he put in for an address he physically used. Mayor Zangari said we can talk about it after the meeting.

C. Marquardt addressed the Railroad cribbing between Lower and Upper Railroad Street. He contacted the man from Reading Northern. They sent people up so the claim. They claim as far as their concern, he is supposed to get a letter and did not receive it yet. Hopefully, he'll have it for next council meeting. They are saying the cribbing itself is ok. We have difference of opinion on that. They said as far as eye sights and stuff like that could be trimmed back and they are supposed to take care of that. C. Marquardt said whether they do or not he doesn't know and now is getting a run around on the phone. He had direct contact with him and now seems he is getting his voicemail. He hasn't received a letter from their inspectors saying the cribbing is ok. As far as their concern he doesn't know how far they can go from here. If the residents up there still feel that it is unsafe then we have to talk to the Solicitor to see what we can do going forward with the Railroad. He just does not know where we stand and had these issues over the years here and we seem to get nowhere with them except with them sending us a letter every year in the winter making sure we don't put any snow on the railroad tracks. C. Marquardt then said he will stay on this and communicate with Rick on it. If he does not receive anything. Hopefully with maybe the help of our Senators and Legislators maybe they can help us out to. To see what can be done and maybe have a meeting with them guys down there. We can all be present like he asked for which never panned out. We will go forward just be a little more patient with us and hopefully nothing happens there. C. Marquardt state he does know they don't look good to him and don't look good for the people who live up there. He will stay on it. E. Burns said it is the same thing with cutting the grass up there. They been ignoring that for how many years, and he did that for a lot of years. I wasn't looking for a pay I knew I wasn't getting paid. Mr. Burns wanted to thank the Kleeman's Anthony and his nephew Nick they been taken care of it. Nick's grandmother, Anthony's mother they been taking care of that all summer for a couple of years for the Railroad they don't like doing nothing for you.

C. Marquardt addressed the trees on Main Street trimming them. They plan on starting next week. They are planning traffic no parking. They'll probably going to have a lane but waiting to hear back from PENNDOT. Because their using a cherry picker with a 50-foot reach. They are going to prune the trees from the top of Second Street down to Richard Street and back up the other side. Hopefully they'll have the Fire Police to help. The Police Officers said to get someone out on day shift. Their going to put no parking signs up and probably, might have a lane shift if they are permitted to do that. Because they don't want to put the outriggers down on somebody's pavement. Have them down on the road and if anybody is willing to help out in anyway C. Marquardt is asking our Council members and anybody to let him know. They are trying to do this as quick as they can. The chipper is up and running good. They made a box for the back of the truck and they plan on chipping the limbs as they take them down. So, they aren't running back and forth, until the truck is full taking it over. They plan to do everything to coincide with each other hopefully that will work. They are supposed to pick it up Monday morning and they have it until the following Monday morning. C. Marquardt didn't know for sure if they would get out there Monday or Tuesday morning weather permitting, they'll be out there. May get out there yet Monday they'll have to wait to see until they get back and get a feel for it and stuff like that. They'll take care of that hopefully next week. Mayor Zangari announced to pay attention to that the no parking goes for anyone that is up there or if you have a neighbor that uses the side or back door and doesn't use the front door. Their car is out there it helps if we have a clear Street to get them down and makes it a lot safer for everyone

School Building: C. Marquardt said some residents asked with the fall clean up about the tv monitors and TVs all that kind of stuff. He had talked to Joe down at the County and he suggested I give these people a call. Its K&B Recycling Minersville. They gave a price list and will work in conjunction with our fall clean up. He thinks they will set up outside the basketball courts and you don't have to get out of your vehicle. They will have their own people and will

collect the money for themselves. It has nothing to do with the County. Its just in conjunction for people who have monitors TVs flat screens whatever they have that they want to get rid of there is fees involved. We have printed a bunch of these out. They will work with us in conjunction with our days that we are over there. C. Marquardt went on to explain how the clean up will be conducted and read the letter they had sent to the Borough.

Code/QofL: E. Burns asked Danny about the Sewer Inspections. Dan Cress said everything is going good and he'll be doing B Street tomorrow. They did have one person who didn't want an inspection yet. They are in that age bracket and they don't want to be in certain distance of everybody. They did do Rappahannock.

Dan O'Connell asked about rental properties. If he moved out somebody moves does that have to get re-inspected before the person moves in. Dan Cress replied yes. Dan O'Connell said it seems like there is a lot of shifting going on here in certain spots. Mayor Zangari informed him if he notices the shifting to call the Code Office, we only have part-time code officers. Dan O'Connell said they see people move in on the Main Street only at night. Mayor Zangari said that property was approved, was inspected, and approved. More discussion on occupancy and paperwork. C. Marquardt added about Bill going up to cite them on the Main Street for the debris in the back. Then addressed the property two doors up. Mayor Zangari talked about the property near Manbeck's. Payne's that they had been working with the generator inside. Dan Cress went Monday posted the house and told the man he could not work in there. He was called back down today about the generator inside and told him to get it out. The man could not run the generator inside the house. C. Marquardt said he has Bill looking into that. The man should not be in there it is an unsafe building. Dan Cress has his card and number and all. He did tell him that he can not be in the building at all. He has no permits whatsoever. The man was cutting and patching the roof and said somebody put a hole in the roof. C. Marquardt added he had originally told the neighbor he fixed the roof and he was trying to paint it yesterday. Dan Cress replied he painted in front of the house. C. Marquardt said he'd like him to turn the property over to us so they can tear the three down through the demolition program. He keeps battling back and forth. Marquardt said he needs to follow the rules that building is definitely an unsafe building. You can see it from the back and god for bid he is in there and it collapse. We'll be in there looking for people because two his son. Dan Cress said he was in there before taking pictures of that place and he swore to him up and down that he fixed the roof last year. When Dan seen him on Monday, he pulled the pictures out and told him there is the roof and you fixed this.

Police: Mayor Zangari talked about the new computer and they will have the new In-Synch program up and running. Officer Long and John Doucette has it handled. Running pretty good it is a highly impressive program. They can expand a lot of stuff that they can do with it. Especially in conjunction with working with Code enforcement.

Mayor Zangari has been working with Bill on a nuisance property ordinance. Once they get it to where it should be, they are going to send it over to the solicitor for review to make everything is kosher. A lot of the stuff is used in Mahanoy City. It strengthens the enforcement part of the code department. So that when we have the same issues from the same property 365-day period the penalty gets a little bit more contingent. Hopefully deters them from. Dan O'Connell asked how many days did you say. Mayor Zangari repeated 365. Mr. O'Connell then asked why wouldn't you say 180? Mayor Zangari because that means every 180 days the cycle restarts. Our program would go from 365 so after the second violation you get a notice. In theory that notice would then tell you. You had two violations after the third violations. Mr. O'Connell tried to interrupt. Mr. Zangari asked to let him finish. He explains after the second violation you receive a letter tells you the pertinent violations. It will then tell you if you have a third infraction in the next 365 days period you will then have to appear in an informal meeting with Council and Council will then decide the fine can go up to a maximum \$1,000.00 in additional to what ever you were cited

for. Let's say high grass. If the high grass is a \$50 or a \$25.00 fine you can receive a \$1,000.00 fine in addition to that fine. From then on after for the next 365 days not a 180. You would then every fine would be submitted to the Magistrate at the top dollar \$1,000.00 fine. Pottsville's every 180-day cycle restarts. So, after 180 days their slate gets wiped clean. Then they are back to their first infraction could be \$25.00 for high grass. Ours would go for a year period. He uses it in Mahanoy City, and he says it is very successful. So that allows us for a year if we have a nuisance property to put those fines in place. With Pottsville every 180 days their redoing it because the slate gets wiped clean. Now they have double the chance in a year to have problems. Ours in his opinion is a better program.

Mayor Zangari said young lady doing fund raising for the Police Department is supposed to be sending a check with our donation. They are going to use that donation to purchase body cams. They are hoping to purchase the body cams per officer so there is never a double use. Then hopefully he believes there will be enough money to do so. They will then put a policy in place to use those body cams before they are issued to use on the Street. Mayor hopes by next meeting they are able to do that. He questions to council do they need approval from council to buy those since they are being bought with donations does that have to come to a meeting. C. Marquardt thinks it should come through. Mayor Zangari said they will get that all together for next meeting. Some discussion went on between council and attorney on the matter.

Mayor Zangari asked if the Police committee made a decision on Officer Long from the last meeting? E. Burns response was at this point he thinks they need to have a police committee meeting and asked the mayor to set that up as a work session.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Daniel O'Connell thanked Mr. Burns for the police problem on Upper Railroad the Police presence. It has picked up.

Daniel O'Connell said there was an incident here at the dugout and could not get a hold of the Mayor and is not knocking him but next to the cop he is the next guy up. O'Connell stated he was called by a Borough worker and a Councilmen. Mayor Zangari asked what did you expect me to do with a needle filled with an unknown substance. An unidentified lady commented her daughter was there for that incident. Dan O'Connell said his point is this you run the police department and he is not knocking you personally. He is knocking him as the Mayor in charge of the Police Department. They should be able to get a hold of you. You should be able to get a hold of somebody. Then Mr. O'Connell asked E. Burns what he would have done if he was the Mayor. E. Burns said he would have called the State Police which was done. Dan O'Connell stated his point is you should be available. There was a needle with stuff in it. You don't know what was in that bottle and you don't know what is in that razor blade. The problem is you should be available. I'm sorry the Mayor should be available. A woman asked why should it be the Mayor's fault. Crowd yelling at once. Mayor Zangari said we are not going to sit here and debate if I need to answer every. Dan O'Connell interrupt this is ridiculous. A Man yelled it is not the Mayor's fault. Mr. O'Connell response he is not saying it's the Mayor's fault. He is in charge of the Police Department. More yelling C. Marquardt said let's calm down. Mayor Zangari announced so everyone is aware and since this incident happened. He apologized to the lady in the back that her daughter had to endure that. Since that incident happened, he had discussed it with Officer Long immediately when this came up. Jody Long response correct. Mayor Zangari said they put down a memo to all the Officers that every shift our parks are looked after. We are not going to have an Officer walk through every park every time it is not going to happen. But they were all told to scan the ball field to make sure no one is in there. We work with a part-time Police department and what our Officers do every day on the Street is incredible. Thankless job non the less. Mayor said my apologies that he did not answer the phone calls. Dan O'Connell said I'm not knocking you, but the Mayor is the Police Department. Mayor

Zangari said no he was not home he was planning his wedding with his wife. He said next time I will answer that, and you know what I'm going to do. He is going to call the State Police we don't have an Officer on just like what had happened. Thank you for your time. E. Burns said he is not knocking the State Police down he has a son that is State Police but what did they do with that guy that night that they found the drugs on. Nothing... They did come down but its how the stupid law is. You would think they'd get that guy and take him right to jail he didn't get nothing for it. Dan O'Connell said he understands it. Mayor Zangari added just so you know about answering phones for this municipality I was in Jamaica on my honeymoon answering emails. Dan O'Connell interrupted he don't want to hear about his personal life. Mayor Zangari asked to please don't stand there and say I don't answer my phone or put my best interest forward for this municipality. He then said. Let me answer that very clearly every time this pager goes off. I respond well no matter who or what that incident response too. I'm 23 years old I run into burning buildings for this municipality. Dan O'Connell said he didn't want to hear his personal, just a borough question. I don't want your personal life. That's your business.

Dan O'Connell next issue why were there two cops on a Monday. Mayor Zangari said they were conducting an investigation. Dan O'Connell said thank you and that is all I want to know.

Dan O'Connell asked what is the reason to have a Police Chief. What's wrong with the Officer In Charge title. E. Burns said a lot of the communities don't accept that. The com-center would prefer, more professional. Dan O'Connell interrupts like he is saying we're part-time why would you go to a Chief. Mayor Zangari stated the County recognizes him as Chief of this Department because he is the highest ranking official. Mr. O'Connell interrupts he is not Chief yet he's the Officer In Charge. Mayor Zangari went on he is the highest ranking official in the Girardville Police Department. The official paperwork from the County of Schuylkill says Chief Jody L. Long. Dan O'Connell asked how can he be Chief, you tabled it last week. Mayor Zangari said he's been we put him in as Officer In Charge and the County recognizes him as Chief. Dan O'Connell asked again what is the reason behind a part-time police department making his title because it was always Officer In Charges and you have answered my question.

Robert Krick stepped in saying if you become Police Chief you become a Borough official. You double your chances of being sued. Police liability chance of being sued. Mr. Krick went on saying he knows for a fact he discussed it with an Attorney who stood here and defended the Borough from a lawsuit. He said he's Chief he is not Chief you got to name him Chief. When you do make him Chief you make him a Borough Official. He's suggestion don't have a Chief unless you absolutely have to have one. That was an Attorney who represented this Borough from a big lawsuit. E. Burns said that was brought to us and that was the same Attorney that was a Solicitor when Mel Tomeo was here. He said there is no problem with Mel being Chief. It was the same Attorney that you are talking about. Robert Krick said no it isn't the Attorney that represent the Borough was the Insurance Company Attorney he was from Lancaster. E. Burns then said when they were discussing to make Mel Tomeo Chief of Police our Solicitor at the time. Burns didn't want to bring any names up. He went on to say he was the one that said yes there is no problem with it. R. Krick interrupted if you name him Chief, he's a Borough Official. E. Burns said nope that is what he said. R. Krick said might want to check with the Attorney. C. Marquardt commented that we will have our Solicitor look into this and get us an answer back, so we have the proper as to what going forward what we need to do. In the meantime, you guys are going to have a Police Committee meeting with the Mayor and the Police. C. Marquardt told Jody we would proceed forward in regard to the meeting, Chief position the whole nine yards. The Solicitor is going to look into it based on the citizens statements that they made. Everyone bear with it. You guys conduct your meeting and we'll go from there.

Julie Rutko asked about the used clothing bin on Second Street. It hasn't been picked up in months. She realizes with the pandemic probably the reason. People don't care even though the bin is packed and stuff on the ground. Other people come along and go through the stuff. Then

throw it all over the place and some people come along pick up the stuff that went through it and it is a mess. E. Burns said yes, it is a problem Julie he sees it. Mayor Zangari said they were contacted. Dan Cress said they were contacted by your father and the company who owns that. Because people put it up on Facebook saying it is the Rangers. Its not the Rangers container. Edna Labie commented that they own the property. Dan Cress said it is not theirs. Edna Labie asked if they have a phone number that they could call, and they can come and take their stuff. Maybe a phone number on the box. She didn't see a phone number on the box. Dan Cress while Edna was speaking out of turn said they were contacted. C. Marquardt said he knows the owner of the bins were contacted. He swore up and down during the pandemic they would be sealed in plastic. That one was never sealed. We know that for a fact the cloths ended up there and in the meantime. When people start there was a complaint. We were looking into it. He was contacted and he assured us he was coming to take care of it. We'll call tomorrow this was last week, and he hasn't come yet.

Terri Krick said she saw someone, garbage on the pony trail and she did take some pictures. Has the Borough looked at it at all? C. Marquardt said he knows they were on it. Then asked Jody if Denna was on. Officer Jody Long said citations were filed. Terri Krick suggested to get microphones so they can hear them because the masks will be on for a long time. C. Marquardt said they will look into that.

Motion to adjourn made by E. Burns, seconded by F. McDonald. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** September 09, 2020 **TIME:** 7:30 PM

OPEN MEETING

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

Moment of silence for Gilberton Mayor Mary Lou Hannon.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Joseph Kessler, Frederick McDonald, Edward Burns, Brian Dempsey, Charles Marquardt, Solicitor Rick Day. Jean Ann Parfit filling in for the minutes.
Members absent: Candice Squires on vacation.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA:

Resident asked about ordinance. Is the Borough proposing to withdraw from the State system the UCC inspections? Attorney Day said no. What they are doing is under the Pennsylvania Construction Code they have to adopt an ordinance so they can apply the UCC. They are making sure the Borough is in compliance with the Pennsylvania Construction Code Act. Resident asked who inspects now under the Construction Code. Attorney Day said there's different things. This ordinance covers all Construction ordinance and brings them in line in with both Pennsylvania Construction Code and Uniform Commercial Code. Resident said there is a clause in there prior to 1999 stronger than the codes. Solicitor explained basically it says if you have an old ordinance that is stronger than that it stays in place. But if the old ordinance doesn't meet the uniform commercial code it now does under this ordinance. Resident said we had previous problems with code enforcement and had meetings with labor and industry. They contended that any change that was not in the state realm. Even though it was stricter it was not enforceable by the Borough without their approval. They could not use those ordinances any longer. Attorney Day said this is why you get in compliance with the uniform commercial code through labor & industry. That way all of your ordinances. A stronger ordinance can be in compliance with but if the ordinance doesn't meet uniform commercial codes standard this changes all those ordinances to be required to meet that standard. That's what this adopts to make sure any existing ordinance that isn't sufficient under the UCC now has to comply with the UCC. C. Marquardt commented that it is different from then and they were all blindsided by it. There was more discussion and the same resident asked who will be enforcing the ordinance if it passed. Attorney Day said the Municipal Code Official enforces it. You can also get one or more Construction code officials or a third-party agency to do it on behalf of the Borough. You can also get into an agreement with local Boroughs. Resident interrupts his question is, this goes in effect tonight if you pass it. Who inspects tomorrow? C. Marquardt said we have three and Don Cuff if it gets into construction.

Resident asked to speak up a little louder.

Joe Wayne asked permission from Council for the use of Borough hall for meeting. He wants to call every representative from organizations in town to be here. To put together a plan on what we can do to clean the trash in the Borough. **Motion** to approve use of Borough hall for meetings on cleaning up the Borough made by E. Burns, second by B. Dempsey. Mr. Wayne asked a week from tonight at 7 o'clock.

Joe Wayne said they been notified from the medal of honor association from Minnesota they realize there is a medal of honor winner in the St. Joes cemetery. Colonel Monahan who doesn't have a cooper stone. Mr. Wayne said they got the call funding has been approved. They made arrangements through the American Legion and the A.O.H. to put the stone in place. Mr. Wayne said he like to get a letter in and what it is for to seal off Mahanoy Avenue. Have traffic averted from Second Street to Main Street. The same thing coming in from Ashland to Main Street to Second, so no one gets hurt on the highway. We expect a large contingency of delegates from the American Legion place and stuff like that. Afterwards they talked about having a fundraiser then go wherever, his place rope off the Street any money raised will go towards maintaining the cemetery. He wanted to thank the people for cleaning the cemetery on behalf of St. Charles Borromeo and the A.O.H. they had a lot of members that are up there. They did a heck of a job they would like to help finance continuously the thing. **Motion** to close the off 54 from Second Street to Julia Street and get State approval date to be determined made by E. Burns, second by J. Kessler. Vote. All. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

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

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

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

Mayor's report: Read by Mayor Michael Zangari. Motion to accept report as read made by E. Burns, seconded by F. McDonald. On the question E. Burns said he know the JP are opening back and doesn't see how much money we are getting back. Mayor asked Officer Long to correct him if he is wrong, but they have almost twenty hearings coming up. Officer Long stated he has eight on the 22nd himself and Officer John has a couple also. Mayor said they are just beginning. Officer John said they hadn't had them for a few months because of covid. They were told from the Magistrate unless its criminal we're not getting together. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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

Permit Officer's report: No permits.

BILLS: **Motion** to approve the bill list as submitted and read was made by F. McDonald, seconded by J. Kessler. Vote. All. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Northern Schuylkill Council of Governments letters of delinquent. C. Marquardt said they need to get their Ordinance if they opt to get out. They will follow through with this then. **Motion** to do what ever is needed to get out of COG made by E. Burns, second by J. Kessler. Voted. All. Motion carried.
- b. Fall Clean UP starts September 17th and 18th 9 to 5 and on Saturday, September 19th from 9-1pm. K&B Recycling will be here those days doing electronics pick up. They should be at the basketball courts. Any electronics pull up and they will unload and tell you the costs. On the question E. Burns do they take tires. C. Marquardt said yes with or without rims. 16 inch no big tractor trailer tires.
- c. Body cameras. Mayor Zangari said with the hard work from the Police Department and their fundraising abilities they are able to purchase three body cameras. Proposal Policy is submitted to the Solicitor for review. Anytime the Officer interacts with the public in anyway the device will be on. To ensure our Officer is providing the service they are supposed to be and god for bid that something should happen against the Officer they are able to go back. They are very excited for these. Thank you to the Officers that did the fundraising for them and the other people that helped and made this possible at no cost to the Borough. E. Burns added they can be used as dash cams. Mayor Zangari said correct can be used as a dash cam and audio recording, take pictures with it, and GPS track. They are very intuitive.
- d. Gates. C. Marquardt said the purpose to put over here at the walk because of the cables. Also, down on Oak Street where it goes back to the fire lane. Motion to purchase gates and follow through and what they need to do made by E. Burns, second by F. McDonald. Vote. All. **Motion** carried. E. Burns said one gate is eight feet. He said probably need two gates there and two gates down in the park. Mr. Burns will check into it.
- e. Request for handicap parking. E. Burns said you were supposed to get a letter in the mail they denied it. Mr. Zangari said he got an application. E. Burns stated they denied it. Mr. Zangari asked based on? E. Burns said they can't give out handicap to people that they don't feel, you might think your handicap and if they gave everybody you know. Ronald Zangari said he has trouble walking and he has heart problems. He lives on 54 should he park in the middle of the road and take a chance getting hit? He's brother also has problem walking, he can barely walk, he has varicose veins, and is blind in one eye. More discussion with the council on issues they do not feel he qualifies for that. Mr. Zangari talked about a car in front of his house four months and tree growing in front of it and weeds surrounding the vehicle. C. Marquardt asked if the car was legal. He guessed it is. Officer Long said yes, it's legal, registered, insured, its legal. Ron went on about a parking place to unload his fricken groceries. E. Burns said that is what we came up with it he's sorry. Mr. Zangari said to go in there and work on it.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Town wide yard sale. Mayor Zangari said October 10th second Saturday he'll make up a map for anyone that wants their property on the map. He said just address no names. If you like to get on the map sign up by October 05th. If local business would like to sell food off their sidewalks. Allow them permission to do that that day only any non-profit

group no one from outside the Borough. Times will be 8am to 3pm. **Motion** to approve Mayor request for the yard sale made by E. Burns, second by B. Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried.

- b. Trick or Treat. Mayor Zangari said their thought process was spread the word. They are asking if you don't live in Girardville Borough to not attend our Trick or Treat night. We are still trying to take precautions and stay healthy. Idea of doing trunk or treat early afternoon on Saturday 31st over here. Pull vehicle down put candy out of trunk of vehicle or set up a small table in front of it. They shut down this section of the street for safety. We ask anyone handing out candy to wear a mask. Anyone that is not costumed to wear a mask. Hopefully, residents from other communities will respect the fact that we want to keep our residents healthy and not push the spread if it happened. C. Marquardt asked if anyone in the audience have any objects to how they decided to do it. Resident asked about a rain date. C. Marquardt said you can do that Sunday. Resident said usually when they do truck or treat there is a rain date, or they come inside but since you can't come in side I'd make a rain date. Edna said they are waiting to see what the other towns are doing. Usually the Sunday before Halloween and won't be able to afford if other towns aren't doing it. C. Marquardt said with blocking off, masks, social distancing and thought maybe we try this with the covid. Might work out better than having everybody walking around. Another asked if they can have the parade the same day and have the people in the baseball field then go out and the people hand out candy out of their cars. Mayor Zangari said if they decide to have the parade you can coordinate have them walk through the parade come to trunk or treat its all one event. Then they can elevate some costs from them if it is more people than expected even if you ask people to stay home from other Boroughs they are still going to come. Resident is confused and asked Girardville should see what other towns are doing. Do we have to worry about satisfying people is it a competition? Mayor Zangari said no we're not basing it off of if Ashland is having trick or treat or trunk or treat that is our plan to keep our Borough residents safe. Whether it be dangers of being on the Street and the virus. Mayor understanding is they can't financially afford to have a parade if they get a large influx of children from other Municipalities. More discussion about Halloween parade and covid guidelines. Mayor doesn't want to take trick or treat away from these kids. C. Marquardt talked more on the subject. They won't have door to door. Try it this way now. A resident said if they have cars maybe they can even dress up. C. Marquardt said feel free to come over to Borough hall and sign up and say you are going to come over to hand out candy. We can have a sign-up sheet. Mayor said they'll have a final plan here for next meeting. **Motion** to approve made by E. Burns, second by J. Kessler. Vote. All. Motion carried.
- c. Request from Fire Chief to hold a Home Fire Safe drill will be held on Friday, September 11th at 2pm. Heath spoke about the safety drill. **Motion** to approve drill made by B. Dempsey, second by E. Burns. Vote. All. Motion carried.
- d. Ordinance 2020-1 Solicitor Day gave description of the adoption and enforcement of the Uniform Construction Code. **Motion** to approve Ordinance 2020-1 made by E. Burns, second by J. Kessler. Vote. All. Motion carried. Solicitor said it won't be officially enacted until it is signed by the Mayor.
- e. USDA loan/grant request from secretary to open up new account through Mid Penn Bank noninterest bearing Construction equipment account and making Tonya St. Clair from USDA as distributor to see bank statements. Once funding is depleted account can close out after money is paid to contractors. **Motion** to approve request to open account made by E. Burns, second by J. Kessler. Vote. All. Motion carried.

- f. Request to authorize Entech for the advertisement of the project once USDA approves the bid documents. **Motion** to approve Entech to advertise for project made by E. Burns, second by F. McDonald. Vote. All. Motion carried.
- g. Letter Schuylkill Planning and Zoning regards to Main Street property and had been corrected.
- h. Notice for Assessment appeal hearing one is Thursday, September 10th at 1:45pm. School District appeal 45-7-91 Richard Wagner E. Burns can make the hearing in the commissioner's board room basement floor. C. Marquardt asked if he is trying to get the taxes lowered. Solicitor Day did not know if he was getting tax exempt. E. Burns said he was tax exempt for a long time then switch. He didn't know if he trying to do. He tells him to do a food bank. Edward said he would be the best one to go down. He was the one cutting the grass. C. Marquardt said they'll talk about it after the meeting. Solicitor asked if got a copy of the petition. C. Marquardt said just this here. E. Burns asked if he did food bank would it be taxed. Solicitor Day said he would have to used for purpose. Technically it would be used for purpose. More discussion on the matter between council and solicitor.
- i. Mayor Zangari said they were contacted by the Schuylkill County Drug and Alcohol Task Force. They want to do a free Narcan distribution on Friday, September 18th from 12pm to 2pm outside the Borough here and everything will be done outside. If you or you know somebody that sadly need Narcan just have to pull up in the vehicle. Stay in the vehicle they'll supply what you need, and you'll be on your way.
- j. Assessment Notice for Darlene Boyer 331 N. Second Street hearing was today. Solicitor Day said they are pretty good with the assessments down there they don't have a reason. If you get an appraisal saying your property is worth less than what it is. They don't get a dualling appraisal saying you're wrong it usually goes through. E. Burns believes that is what it is. Solicitor Day said the problem with the Wagner one you don't know if he is asking for less taxes or no taxes. Day asked if he actually has a religious entity or just him owning that property. E. Burns said he claims he does but unsure if he does.
- k. USDA grant/loan interim loan to go through with the backhoe. C. Marquardt explained how USDA use to do and how they are doing it now. Talk on getting Tan loan or Interim Loan. **Motion** to approve for anyway they find feasibly made by E. Burns, second by F. McDonald. Vote. All. Motion carried. Solicitor Day will be working on that with Paul Datte.
- l. **Motion** to proceed with backhoe purchase of \$91,500.00 through USDA loan/grant made by E. Burns, second by J. Kessler. Vote. All. Motion carried. C. Marquardt said they were very fortunate with this grant loan. We thank them all generously. They were approved for \$207,500.00 to put the roof on the building and to purchase the backhoe. \$158,000 grant and the other part \$49,500 will be loan we'll pay back.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police: **Motion** to appoint Jody Long as Girardville Police Chief made by E. Burns, second by B. Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried. Mayor Zangari congratulated Chief Long.

Mayor Zangari is requesting approve to hire additional part-time police officer to help our guys cover. **Motion** to approve advertisement for part-time police officer made by E. Burns. C. Marquardt said to have the deadline October the 2nd 3pm.

Mayor Zangari announced Chief Long and former Lieutenant Matt Williams worked on this and has the honor of reading it. Patrolmen by the name of Charles Herbert Barnhart succumbed to complications of a gunshot wound sustained on September 2nd, 1942 in front of the Cantwell Hotel approximately 1:00 am. Mayor said up on A Street and continued the story of the

patrolman. Mayor Zangari said they have a plaque made for him and showed it to the public. The plaque for Patrolman Charles Herbert Barnhart will be hung in the police station to honor him and his service to our Borough and its residence. The audience applauded.

Street: E. Burns said with the water company putting in the new lines to bear with them it gets a little messy up there for them. He works with them eight hours a day, so they don't destroy anymore lines and don't tell us. Which has happened in the past. The storm drain we are working with them. They fix them and we supply the pipe for them. C. Marquardt said they did complete the box on top of Second Street, and they paved it. They will be proceeding on Mahanoy Avenue on 54 there and try to get them done at the same time. Then they'll pave the two of them there it will blend in.

Finance: C. Marquardt asked J. Kessler if he had anything on finance which he did not.

Recycling: Mayor Zangari said they are having an extreme amount of difficulty over at our recycling bins. He went on to say some of the stuff left over there. Our police officers go over if name are found they cite them. It is getting out of hand. Its something good for our community people are ruining it. Borough needs to look at type of good camera system to get more information to continue to cite these people. More discussion on the people who ruin it for all of us. C. Marquardt said he will look into it.

Recreation: C. Marquardt said he talked to the people from the Little League they are going to put two gates on both dugouts and asked to lock the gates to the field. Even though they can jump over but once they jump over, they become trespassing and the cops can arrest them. Fire Companies have been given keys for the helicopter landings and Borough guys. They also have little kids climbing on the dugouts. He has been called by the neighbors. Sometimes the parents are worse than them. Next time he will send the cops if that happens. Then let the cops give the parents the citations. Resident asked for a bench at the basketball courts. Mayor Zangari said best time to look at that would be when the seniors at North Schuylkill need community service. Mayor has no problem reaching out to them or donating some of the lumber towards it if they want to do that as a project.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. Edna Labie addressed C. Marquardt that the senior would like to meet in October depending on the virus and numbers. She can't move the tables and chairs in the kitchen area. So, if the Borough workers could put a couple tables up and chairs. They can make a pot of coffee. They are more than willing to put any chairs back where the green dots are and sanitize. Monday, October the 12th but if the numbers are bad, they won't.

Edna Labie then asked for the Historical Society to hold a special meeting September 30th at 7 o'clock its not there regular meeting night they need special meeting. Motion to grant Historical Society use of the Municipal building September 30th at 7 o'clock made by E. Burns, second by F. McDonald. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Edna Labie brought up about the bin on Second Street its still there and she didn't know who they called but if they are not collecting, they should have it there. Mayor Zangari announced they have been contacted to remove that bin and everything around it. Code Enforcement gave them 10 days to remove it. If he doesn't, he will be cited for the stuff around it. C. Marquardt

state he tried to tell us it was wrapped in plastic and it was never wrapped in plastic so he don't know what he is trying to pull here.

Solicitor Day addressed from last meeting the Railroad not cutting grass. Unfortunately, you cannot cite them they are exempt. E. Burns state he was told that years ago. Solicitor Day explained that Minersville had the same issue. The Solicitor from Minersville sent a thing threatening to cite them. They said we're not doing anything. Then months later they sent them a touchy-feely letter asking them to please for the benefit of the community please maintain it. Then they sent somebody right out to cut. Solicitor suggestion to send them nice and include the words safety of the residents in asking. C. Marquardt said he assured me he has two guys doing it and as soon as he can free them up down from the end of the mountain, he would send them up to do that. More discussion on the issue and they can 't be cited.

John Smolock said a couple of weeks ago he saw somebody pull over in a black ram pickup. It stopped there fooled around backed up and started shoveling stone in it. Mr. Smolock walked his dog down here last night, sometime over here at the recycling center and seen him. Mr. Smolock didn't know but it looked like he was rooting through stuff. That is just some of the things he seen. C. Marquardt asked if it was the black ram pickup truck. J. Smolock said yes. It was not a new one it was an older model and was curious. C. Marquardt will check with the guys over here. Mayor Zangari said if you see something like that happening that doesn't see right, he could contact our Police department. If is have an officer on or have an officer, follow up with it. C. Marquardt announced they are having a lot of issues going on as most of you already know. Our Mayor and Police department guys the hours all been moved around because of the circumstances going on. You will see cops all different hours of the day and night. The schedule has been remodified.

Chief Jody Long announced there is some counterfeit money going around in the Borough. It involves dollars, fives, tens, fifties, and hundreds. If you happen to come into contact with one of these please get to us immediately. They'll hand over to the Secret Service and they are assisting them with the investigation. Resident asked how you can tell. Officers said they are marked wrong. C. Marquardt said all the bills have the same serial numbers. Chief Long said there is same serial numbers, some of them say replica on them. There are a couple indicators. Mayor Zangari added so that hundred-dollar bill in the Street is a don't pick it up.

Motion to adjourn made by E. Burns.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Ann Parfitt

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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** October 14, 2020 **TIME:** 7:30 PM

OPEN MEETING

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Charles Marquardt

ROLL CALL

Members present: Brian Dempsey, Joseph Kessler, Fred McDonald, Edward Burns, Mayor Michael Zangari, Charles Marquardt, and Attorney Arlen "Rick" Day.
Members absent: None

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA: No comment from the public.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

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

Treasurer's report: Motion to accept the report made by E. Burns, seconded by B. Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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

Mayor's report: Read by Mayor Zangari. Motion to accept report as read made by E. Burns, seconded by B. Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Code Enforcement report: Motion to accept the report as submitted made by E. Burns, seconded by B. Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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

Fire Chief's report: Motion to accept the report as submitted made by E. Burns, seconded by B. Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried.

BILLS

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Motion to advertise Ordinance withdrawing from Northern Schuylkill Council of Governments made by E. Burns, seconded by J. Kessler. Vote. All. Motion carried.
- b. Police Body Cameras total was \$535.00 from the fundraiser. Spent \$415.37 on the new body cameras. Mayor Zangari said the remainder they'll hold on to. If they decided to use it to purchase candy for Trick or treat night. The Solicitor and Mayor are working on body camera policy proposal. They may be able to enact it at the next meeting. Solicitor believes Council can act on it tonight to have the Police Department have a body cam policy consistent with Act 22-2017 as long as they authorize it. Motion to approve a policy use of body cameras for the Police Department in compliance with Act 22-2017 made by B. Dempsey, second by E. Burns Vote. All. Motion carried.
- c. Trick or Treat night. C. Marquardt said other Boroughs in the area are doing Trick or Treat. Girardville Borough will do Trick or Treat on October 31st from 5-8pm and won't have truck or treat. Ashland, Butler Township, Shenandoah, Frackville, Mahanoy City are doing Trick or treat same times. Council will ask Fire Police, Police and any Fire officials to help out with this adventure. Motion to approve Trick or Treat night October 31st from 5-8pm please have porch lights on for trick or treaters and social distance masks and all should be required by all those participating. Follow Governors' and CDC guidelines for social distancing made by F. McDonald, second by E. Burns. Vote. All. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Code Complaints Mayor Zangari announced having issues again with incomplete messages. No way to contact person to get all the proper information. Not leaving dates/times names or any of that information. Mayor said they are urging people that if there is an issue and your putting in complaint to the Code Department. If you call, please leave a full message with a contact number. Sometimes there are questions that need to be answered. They would appreciate if you come down fill out a form. They are not in the business of. I don't want my neighbor to complain. The person that the complaint is about our code office does not go out and so and so was complaining against you. If they do have to go to court, they like to have that. Solicitor Day added anything that someone reports to the Borough that report is not subject to disclosure to the Right to Know Law. If someone sent a Right to Know request in and wanted to know who reported me no subject to discloser.
- b. Reminder to resident's there is an ordinance no burning in the Borough. C. Marquardt asked if you see someone burning to please notify Police Department or Fire Department 911 and we need to follow through on it and these people need to be cited. There was incident with people using gas grills on their back porches they don't want you to do that. Fire Chief asked if we could put in request. Mayor Zangari said we currently don't have it would prohibit someone from a gas, charcoal grill on a porch or up against the back of there home. Mayor said we need to look into a distance regulation. Porch regulation. There are few people in the Borough with a propane table or round pit that is propane ignited. They are currently legal. What is not legal is an open pit where you can add

material to it to burn. A charcoal grill that is closed is legal per ordinance 2013 written. Solicitor will review.

- c. Good Time Club submitted a letter to cancel Halloween parade. C. Marquardt said Todd did mention handing out candy at the Centioles side and Good Time Club handing out candy at the other side. Jeanette could hear will talk after meeting.
- d. Ashes will be picked up Mondays and Fridays starting October 26th must be covered during rainfall. If on a holiday will be picked up next workday. Curbside Recycling will end Tuesday December 29th, 2020 weather permitting.
- e. Flood Plain Administrator letter resigning Joseph Tinari. C. Marquardt said they have stuff from Flood Plain Administration and need to proceed so they don't lose out on funding. It is an Appointed position they asked Danny Cress if he was interested. There is 160 hours of training under the new guidelines he can take some classes on computer and some go to. C. Marquardt is asking if they would appoint Dan. Mayor Zangari asked if they need to advertise. Solicitor Day said no its appointed position. Day then said it needs to be done as soon as possible he already submitted our Flood Plain Ordinance to the Municipal League to give us ideas to modify it. FEMMA been waiting to speak to administrator for months now. Motion to accept Joseph Tinari resignation as Flood Plain Administrator made by E. Burns, second by B. Dempsey. Voted. All. Motion carried.
- f. C. Marquardt asked for a motion to appoint Dan Cress as Flood Plain Administrator. Mayor Zangari understands he'll be paid for the classes 160 hours from there he's pay would be based off of permits. How our permit officer is set up. C. Squires asked how much are you paying him to attend classes. J. Kessler said 25%. C. Squires said for Borough permits. Mayor Zangari said for the permit he would receive 25% for the permit. Then they'll pay him for the classes. C. Squires asked your paying him for the classes or paying him to go to the classes? C. Marquardt said he's understanding is 160 hours of classes and if there are fees involved to have the classes, we'll have to pay him and also to attend the classes. C. Squires is asking what his fee would be to attend those classes? Mayor Zangari said when they figured it out they asked the man a month of work at \$10 hr. it would be \$1800.00 we thought was a little high. They discussed and what he agreed to is a one payment of \$800.00 upon course completion with certificates submitted to the Borough. Asking a man to work a whole month for 800 is a lot to ask for.
- g. Motion to appoint Dan Cress as Flood Plain Administrator with pay made by E. Burns, seconded by B. Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried.
- h. DM2 Security Cameras C. Marquardt contacted them. Cameras for building, outside building, park, recycling center, baseball field where they are having drug issues and stuff like that. Proposal from them installing and 8-cameras view the dump cite over here because they are not fallowing the rules dumping stuff on outside recycling and park area the other one will be little league field, right side front, and left side of the Borough building, one in the hallway here, and one in the meeting room. C. Marquardt said we'll supply the t.v. and they'll supply the monitor and have it grounded in the front office. The total cost for equipment, wire, the installation, and costumer education \$4,995.00 the extended parts and warranty with firm ware upgrades is an additional \$295.00 a year. C. Marquardt doesn't know of any others but that is the home system. If we sign the agreement, they can get back to us and have it installed two-week period. Mayor asked if they are audio and would we have to put up specific signage. Solicitor Day said to put up anyway and come up with a policy on how long to keep recordings. 30 days to record via Council. Mayor said access would be limited to who has access. Motion to proceed with cameras made by B. Dempsey, second by E. Burns. Vote. All. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Flyers and magazines.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Street: E. Burns said they are waiting on the water company few Streets they did. We were hoping they were going to be paved this year especially the three hundred block of A Street. Don Cuff is working on meeting with the water company. C. Marquardt said aqua ran into a snag with PENNDOT and there is nothing going on 54 yet. We have to meeting with Engineer Aqua and contractors now when we plow snow, we might push the macadam up. Hopefully we can get resolved and move forward. C. Marquardt addressed the pothole, and the guys will be out next week they called down and guy said they should have over a hundred-ton next week. So, we should be able to go around. C. Marquardt went on to say they'll redone some of the stop signs they are faded. We did get two new ones and six that will be refurbished.

Police: Mayor Zangari said we did advertise for Police Department we got one applicant which was interviewed and was found unfavorable. At this point they do not have anyone to propose to hire. He is asking the public to understand they have a limited crew. They are continuing to find someone else to come that wants to work.

Code/QofL: Mayor Zangari got with the solicitor since last meeting. They are asking to do three Ordinance to help strengthen the quality of life and our code enforcement as a whole. First one is a property units, other on abandon vehicles, recreational vehicles and trailers within the Borough. Mayor sat down with code enforcement and got examples ordinance from other Boroughs and asked the solicitor if this would be possible with our set is. He is asking to create or amend existing ordinances to adopt these provisions. Solicitor Day added one of the provisions he believes is operating unlicensed motor vehicles. Motion to proceed to move forward with Mayor request made by E. Burns, seconded by F. McDonald. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Parks: Mayor said the mulch was filled in at the B Street park. Two community service filled in the mulch under the swings and did some weeding for us.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Robert Krick said he understands that there was a situation at the trail where someone lite a fire and was apprehended. Mayor said Chief you were on the call. Chief Jody Long said correct it was a juvenile. Mr. Krick asked why we weren't contacted concerning it. They are the property owner. They heard it through the grape vein. The watershed does own the property. There was a crime committed on their property and they should have been notified. Chief Long said ok.

Jean Ann Parfitt said the Fire Chief and her had a problem in the Borough with dumpsters. They need to contact the Borough for dumpster on their properties. C. Marquardt said ok and so what you are saying anyone one requiring a dumpster at their property to notify you or the Fire Chief whether its on the Street or their property. Mrs. Parfitt went on that they had three episodes this week and was not good.

Julie Rutko talked about the box truck came cleaned it up nice and hoped they load it on the truck, but they didn't. Two days later they were dumpster diving bags, and it is a mess again. Mayor Zangari said they were notified by code enforcement to remove the dumpster. They came cleaned it up. They did not take it, so they again notified it needs to be removed. They were cited but the hearing did not happen yet. Julie said the people are pigs the mess they left. Mayor Zangari informed about an eight nine-year-old girl down there looking for sneakers. His heart broke for the little girl. He doesn't know where she was from, but she took off down the street. He feels bad for her but that's not the way to get the clothing either. Julie said there several organizations available that information to go to not a nine-year-old girl.

Annetta Whitecavage has information on the banners. They will be going down. The legion will be taking over the banner project. They are having a meeting this evening about that. In the next week or two there will be a notice coming out and will be put in the paper. There will be a notice on the legion window telling you how to apply for banners. They are discussing tonight what they'll be doing with the old banners. If they are going to put them up or give them back to the people or give them a choice of if they want it back up and how much it going to cost to put them back up. They are talking about putting up on Second, Third, Fourth Streets, and the Avenue depending on how many. Right now, they will limit to the first 25 to be put up. So, the fastest you put in for it the better. The contact person is Mark Burlile. Candice has his phone number if needed to call. It will be up Memorial Day next year and the price is the same as the last ones \$125.00 they are discussing tonight final details and should be out in the next two weeks.

Edna Labie talked about the Halloween candy. The Seniors would donate for Trick or treat because one or two people can't supply for the whole town.

Annetta Whitecavage asked about the notice of assessment appeal hearing on the agenda did she miss what that was. C. Squires said we didn't go over that. E. Burns said its probably from last month.

Terri Krick asked what the concern with truck was or treat and trick or treat. Which one would be considered safer? Mayor Zangari said the concern was truck or treat you would have to do in the afternoon. Terri Krick asked which one is safer? Mayor Zangari stated he is not a medical professional. If we are trying. Terri Krick asked does anyone have a medical answer to that which one is safer. E. Burns said none of us is medical. Terri Krick then said everywhere, and her husband says it should be one area because it being safer because of the risk. Right now, Pennsylvania is going way up again. So is Schuylkill County, so is Girardville she does not agree with going door to door. Do we have to do what every other town does? C. Squires said that is why they are doing it to keep other residents from joining towns. If we have trick or treat. Terri interrupted I'm talking about safety. C. Squires said that is why they are all banning together to do it the same time. T. Krick again said I'm talking about door to door. Mayor Zangari said Mrs. Krick if you don't want to participate in trick or treat you are not required to participate. Terri Krick asked to not get personal. Mayor Zangari said were not. He believes that having it at the same time as every other Municipality reduces the chance of other children from other municipalities coming to our Borough. The kids that are going to be out trick or treating within our Borough limits. Are the same kids playing basketball or football or going to sports or going to school they interact with each other every day. That goes for everyone if you don't feel comfortable, we don't want anyone to feel obligated to participate. If you don't feel comfortable because of the risk. Then stay in your home and everyone will understand that. This is a very different time. No one is going to stand out front and go oh my god I can't believe they didn't

participate. Terri Krick asked when it will be? Mayor Zangari said October 31st 5pm to 8pm. Terri Krick asked every town is doing it the same time. Mayor said correct. T. Krick replied why can't we do it safely in Girardville here who is going to come when they are all in their own towns that's her point. Mayor Zangari said thank you. Mrs. Krick said thank you she is thinking of safety.

Dan Cress announced when you do the paperwork for the code you don't have to sign. You can put it in, but you don't have to sign it. They prefer you to do so then they do have a paper trail. C. Marquardt verified the complaint one. Annetta asked do they want the name filled out at the top. Mr. Cress said the person or place your complaint about yes, but you don't have to sign it.

Motion to adjourn made by E. Burns, seconded by J. Kessler. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary/Treasurer

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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** November 10, 2020 **TIME:** 7:30 PM

OPEN MEETING

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

ROLL CALL

Members present: Brian Dempsey, Joseph Kessler, Fred McDonald, Edward Burns, Mayor Michael Zangari, Charles Marquardt, Solicitor Arlen Day, and present Solicitor Paul Datte
Members absent: None.

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

Attorney Paul Datte spoke about the Resolution 2020-5 proposal from Mid Penn Bank financing for both the loan and the grant that will be eventually disbursed by United States Department of Agriculture. To defray the costs of the purchase a backhoe. Which Council has taken action to acquire and a roofing project after this meeting looking into December. The total amount of loan/grant is in excess of \$200,000.00 from USDA. They are now requiring all Municipalities to get interim financing for the entire grant and loan. Because when the project is completed, they disburse a single disbursement and that would take out the interim financing. P. Datte explained we were going to do this in two tranches in accessions. Tonight, approve a proposal with Mid Penn Bank \$95,500.00 which would permit to acquire the backhoe and also cover the closing costs associated with the loan. In January after the bids come in, in December. Which is the understanding of when the bids for the roofing would come in. We would then have second loan closing with Mid Penn Bank provide interim financing for the roof aspect of the project. Then once the roof project is completed RUS will come in for yet third closing. For a loan and a grant with USDA. The proceeds of that loan and grant will then be paid over to Mid Penn Bank to satisfy the loan you are approving this evening and the loan you will be approving in January. The Solicitor Datte understanding is the roof project regardless whether the roof work starts during the winter or early spring. It is expected to be completed no later than June 1st according to our Engineer. What they will be obligating themselves to be doing this evening will be paid off the USDA finance package in June July at the latest. Datte said you won't be financing this thing long. USDA does require now. Mr. Datte explained how it worked from then to now. He said the proposal from Mid Penn Bank is a one-year interest only loan we'll pay interest monthly. Until the RUS dollars are advanced sometime in the mid-year next year. Loan amount

\$95,500 it is the tax-exempt rate at 3.5% rate. We'll be paying interest on a monthly basis from time of disbursement up to the time it is satisfied mid-year next year. We will be given Mid Penn Bank a lien on the backhoe because that is what this portion of the financing is design to cover. Also pledging a full faith credit taxing power to the Borough which is typical of general obligation that would be issued. **Motion** to adopt Resolution 2020-5 made by E. Burns, second by F. McDonald. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Solicitor Day wanted to thank Attorney Datte for doing such a great job. There was a big run around to get this done. Attorney Datte added. It was an education process for everyone.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

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

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

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

Mayor's report: Read by Mayor Zangari. Motion to accept report as read made by E. Burns, seconded by B. Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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

BILLS

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Police Body cameras. Mayor Zangari said we had general order effective November 1, 2020 viewed by our Solicitor four pages long. Officer Krammes is wearing one tonight.
- b. Police applications Mayor Zangari received two interviews and thanked both gentlemen. Mayor proposed to hire Frederick J Lahovski as a police officer with 90-day probation. He comes with an extensive background, once a Marine always a Marine. Mayor thanked him for his service and excited to have him aboard. **Motion** to hire Frederick J Lahovski as a police officer at rate of \$14.50 per hr. and he is on a 90-day probation period made by E. Burns, second by B. Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried. Fred was asked to stand. Mr. Lahovski said hey folks hopefully I'll do a good job for ya. Certainly, going to give it a good try.
- c. Hearing coming up Commonwealth of PA verse Dennis Cope. Mayor Zangari said this is for what is referred to as the heehaw wagon. That the Borough removed and discarded of the property once it wasn't claim by the owner. C. Marquardt added the hearing will be on November 17th. Mayor Zangari will be defendant.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Police officers' letters. Mayor Zangari announced the resignation of Officer John Doucette. He added he did thank all the residents of Girardville, Council, Mayor and Chief Long. For working with him, having him here, and wished us the best. Mayor Zangari said we certainly wish him the best as well. **Motion** to accept John's resignation made by F. McDonald, second by B. Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried.
- b. Letter Good Time Club read by C. Marquardt. **Motion** to allow to put decorations up on November 21st poles will be posted anyone vehicles removed before 8am made by E. Burns, second by F. McDonald. Vote all. Motion carried. **Motion** to hold annual Santa Clause parade on Thanksgiving Day November 26, 2020 at 5pm made by E. Burns, second by B. Dempsey. Vote all. Motion carried. **Motion** to allow use of Borough hall for Santa to hand stuff out to the kids made by E. Burns, second by F. McDonald. Vote all. Motion carried. Mayor Zangari said typically the parade will end at Girard Hose. This year it will extend down Main Street down 4th and come down the hill. The Fire Department and Police Department will close 4th Street at A Street and B Street at Third Street so we don't have any vehicles coming thru. He added we will have a town Christmas tree this year. The mayor and his wife will donate the tree and that will be here. At the conclusion of the parade before Santa comes inside the tree will be out front. They will have a very small tree lighting ceremony. The children will come in this door, Santa will be in here, then exit out the side door one child at a time. Because we must keep our distance try to keep everyone safe. Everyone wears a mask to enter the building. This year they are not to sit on Santa's lap they are going to stand with Santa to keep Santa safe and the children. With the town try the Mayor asked if anyone has any decorations that they would like to add to it they are looking at an eight-nine-foot tree. Let the Mayor know get in touch with him and if any children in the Borough would like to make something to put on the tree let him know. Get it over here to the Borough hall or give him a call they will get it. They will be doing the decorations the weekend before 21st. C. Marquardt asked Candice about this Tuesday coming up next week some of the Good time members and us from the Borough will be doing decorating. Jeanette brought some decorations. Candice said it is the Tuesday before Thanksgiving. Mayor Zangari apologized and said it is the Tuesday before Thanksgiving if anyone would like to help decorate.
- c. County Solid Waste and Recycling letter. C. Marquardt read the letter which talked about the Ordinance the County adopted they are getting out of the recycling business and will be taken all the recycling bins out. They said it is too costly. They are our three options to comply with the Ordinance if you are a municipality. Develop your own curbside recycling collection. Contract it out to a hauler. C. Marquardt added his understanding County Waste who does the town. They are the ones who will be picking up the recycling also he doesn't have all the information yet. Still in the processing stage and don't believe it will take effect yet this year. More information will be coming. C. Marquardt is sure we will be getting letters from County Waste on how they are going to do it and he has no idea what the fees will be involved. The fenced in area will be the Boroughs to utilize it. They are just taking the bins out. C. Marquardt added as more information comes about, they will be announcing it. At the next meeting for sure hopefully we will have more information on it.

- d. PEMA Flood Plain Management Training in December. C. Marquardt said Danny will be attending that. He is also doing other classes on the computer. We should have everything up and running with Danny by the end of the year.
- e. Letter from American Legion Post 309 read by C. Marquardt. They assumed the responsibility of the Girardville Hometown Heroes Banner Committee. They will be accepting new applicants starting November 07th. Two committee members will be at the post every Monday, Wednesday, Friday and alternating Saturdays to give out/receive applications and to go over the instructions. This is the last time applications will be accepted. The last application to be accepted no later than February 02, 2021 proofing each banner is correct. Any question please call Mark Burlile. C. Marquardt believes he is commander down there. He believes anyone that has banners he will be contacting see if they still want them up. There are fees and all involved. They will be with them putting the decorations up and the banners down.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Street: E. Burns said they have a meeting tomorrow on the aqua end with inspectors about the roads. We have an issue especially A Street is terrible the way they left it. With the cross over and laterals if we get snow here plowing here will be terrible. We are going to all sit down Wednesday at 10:30 here and discuss what we want aqua to do. C. Marquardt also said their main concern too, they are telling us by the end of the year all the sidewalks will be repaired. That is another issue they will be discussing tomorrow but they did say that and that came right from EK Services. E. Burns commented they don't know if they are going to continue the project on the Avenue. The talk is they are coming in before the middle of December to start the last phase of this project. We will find out Wednesday.

Police: Mayor Zangari asked Council to put Fred Lahovski as OIC. They are not going to put him into the Chief position currently until his 90 days probation period is up at that point there will be a review of his performance by himself and the police committee. They will make the decision at the February council meeting. **Motion** to appoint Fred Lahovski as OIC effective today made by E. Burns, seconded by B. Dempsey. Vote all. Motion carried. Mayor Zangari administered the oath of office. Duly sworn was Officer in charge Frederick Lahovski.

Code/QofL: Mayor Zangari announced the County got in the ballpark of \$1.5 million for demolition. Girardville has enough properties we could spend that much money here and still have them. He asked the Code department to put a list of approximately 18-20 properties for council that are already on the repository list and that the code office had already cited multiple times. Those properties include 122 West Ogden, 124 West Ogden, 9 West Ogden, 7 West Ogden, 25 West Ogden, 21 West Ogden, 101 North Richard, 324 West Ogden, 119 South Williams, 341 West Mahanoy Avenue. 136 West Main, 241 West Main, 239 W Main, 134 West Main, 341 North Second, 339 North Second, 256 West Main, 308 E Main, 314 East Mahanoy Avenue. They did not include the properties that are in bankruptcy which the property on Main Street is and that is going to be a more difficult property. Mayor is asking council to allow himself, the code enforcement committee, and the code office to review this list and make a decision on what they believe they should submit for and at least get these properties submitted. He does not want to miss the deadline. Motion to allow Mayor request made by E. Burns, second by F. McDonald. Vote all. Motion carried.

Finance: J. Kessler said they will have a meeting set up this week and hopefully finish it up. C. Marquardt announced that is concerning our budget. We needed those numbers, which that played in what is going on today so once we have all that finalized with Paul and with the people with USDA then Joe will be able to plug it in. There are one or two other things they are waiting on they have not received yet. C. Marquardt said hopefully we will have the budget for view at the next meeting and we'll have to unfortunately have the adoption at the end of the year.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comment from the public.

Motion to adjourn made by E. Burns, seconded by F. McDonald. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** December 09, 2020 **TIME:** 7:30 PM

OPEN MEETING

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

ROLL CALL

Members present: Brian Dempsey, Edward Burns, Mayor Michael Zangari, Charles Marquardt, Solicitor Day. Frederick McDonald on speaker phone out sick.

Members absent: Joseph Kessler.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA: The public did not comment on the agenda.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

Minutes: Motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting made by B. Dempsey, seconded by E. Burns. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Motion to accept the report made by E. Burns, seconded by B. Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Tax Collector's report: Motion to accept the report and pay the tax collector made by E. Burns, seconded by B. Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Mayor's report: Read by Mayor Zangari. Motion to accept report as read made by E. Burns, seconded by B. Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Code Enforcement report: Motion to accept the report as submitted made by E. Burns, seconded by B. Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Permit Officer's report: Motion to accept the report as submitted made by E. Burns, seconded by B. Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried. C. Marquardt said anybody utilizing dumpsters in the winter contact the permit officer and/or fire chief in regard to putting them out. Just in case for snow or so on or so forth. Please contact the Borough hall leave your name and number and they will contact you as soon as they can. Jean Ann Parfitt commented with snow coming get them off the street.

BILLS

Motion to approve the bill list as submitted and read was made by E. Burns, seconded by B. Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Recycling and dumpsters still waiting to get final results. Told probably by the end of this month. Still did not get the final word on it and what is going on. C. Marquardt said soon as we do, we will let everyone know.
- b. Cameras. Citations were issued to people who threw stuff on the ground for not properly putting the stuff in the dumpster. We also have one for over on the island threw right in front of the chain. Pending in court now. Marquardt asked Officer Fred right. Officer Fred Lahovski said yes. C. Marquardt did not have anything else under recycling.
- c. Demolition properties. Mayor Zangari is asking tonight of council to put in for 122 W. Ogden, 124 W. Ogden, 9 W. Ogden, 7 W. Ogden, 101 N. Richard, 119 S. William, 241 and 239 W. Main, 314 E. Mahanoy Ave, 344 E. Mahanoy Ave. Mayor noted 314 is under new ownership as of August so if that property does not get selected, they are going to continue the route with code even though they already are to try and get that property down. The ordinance from his understanding allows 365 days from the day of purchase to bring it up to code. It is almost on the ground already. **Motion** to put those properties in for demolition under the County demolition program made by F. McDonald, second by B. Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried. C. Marquardt commented that they are still working on the three on Main Street that's falling. One is still in bankruptcy and are working with the solicitor. The other one is the guy that thinks he can fix it up now. He got a zoning permit but still needs the permits with the Borough before he can do anything with the zoning permit. He hasn't approached us yet and from Marquardt's understanding Bill is citing him continuously. When those hearings come up, they'll address every one of them. Mayor Zangari added he understands he has six months from the time the zoning issued permit to come up with a plan and submit it to the Borough. He is about a month into that property.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. 2021 Budget no tax increase into this year. Revenue is \$355,710.00 and the expenditures will be \$350,345.00. C. Marquardt asked for public comment on the budget. No comment made. **Motion** to accept 2021 budget made by E. Burns, second by B. Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried. Mayor Zangari wanted it to noted Fred second and Brian as well.
- b. 2020-6 Resolution to keep the mills at 19.7. **Motion** to accept 2020-6 Resolution made by B. Dempsey, second by E. Burns. Vote. All. Motion carried.
- c. 2020-7 Resolution independent audit to be done by L. Samuel Deegan CPA. **Motion** to approve 2020-7 resolution for 2020 made by E. Burns, second by B. Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried.
- d. 2020-2 Ordinance withdraw Northern Council of Governments (COG) **Motion** to accept 2020-2 Ordinance made by E. Burns, second by B. Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried.
- e. Permission for the Secretary to advertise the 2021 meeting dates and work sessions meeting dates this year will not affect any holidays or the work sessions. Work

session will be held on Sundays second Sunday and the Council meeting will be held second Wednesdays of every month. C. Squires corrected C. Marquardt the meeting second Wednesdays of each month and the work sessions preceding Sundays in case they fall on the first. C. Marquardt apologized. **Motion** to accept 2021 and advertise made by E. Burns, second by B. Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried.

- f. **Motion** to request the 2021 payroll schedule made by E. Burns, second by B. Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried.
- g. Solicitor Day spoke about the solicitor agreement for the USDA loan/grant. Because of the way the USDA is requiring the Borough to do it we the bond council and council have to do more work including having a hearing on it. The fees on Solicitor Day's end will be \$1,500 and for Bond Council will be \$2,500 dollars for a total of \$4,000.00 if you go research this it is a great deal. When we started doing it, we were around \$900.00. Then they found out to do all this extra work because the way USDA is not letting you use your money right away. **Motion** to approve two agreements made by E. Burns, seconded by B. Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried.
- h. Letter Girardville L.A.O.H. would like to continue the use of the senior's room on the fourth Wednesday of each month in 2021 from 7 p.m. to about 8:30 p.m. January, February, March, April, May, June, September, and October. Due to covid conditions they haven't been meeting through the virus pandemic. **Motion** to approve L.A.O.H meetings made by E. Burns, seconded by B. Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried.
- i. Edna Labie said they are meeting the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month is the seniors and historical society meets the first Wednesday of the month. **Motion** to allow historical society meetings made by E. Burns, seconded by B. Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried.
- j. **Motion** to allow the Girardville Senior Citizens to use the building on the second and fourth Mondays of every month made by E. Burns, second by B. Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Magazines couple here.
- b. Girardville Mobil Market is coming back into Girardville again. They had a drive by here at the park and will be back December 23rd from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. between Third and B Street. Annetta Whitecavage said this is Helping Harvest Food distribution from Reading. It is free. They have a drive by they just ask for you name, and how many people living there. They haven't been asking the income guidelines she believes due to the pandemic. They did the first one in Girardville on 23rd of November. They had 50 participants and they were thrilled for their first time had 50. Annetta asked to spread the word they are going to bring for 75 people this time. They are hoping to get out 75 and if it continues to be supportive, they may come back again monthly basis. They do go to different towns. Tremont has it. Pottsville has it. Mahanoy City has it she believes. They don't ask for anything in return. They do ask that everybody wear a mask driving through because they are talking to you. A lot of people did not have a mask on last time, and they were very upset about it. They do ask that they wear a mask. C. Marquardt thanked Annetta.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Solicitor: Attorney Day said as far as the Flood Plain Ordinance they are going revise ours to address some issues that the Borough had. He received a draft the Borough is comparing with our current ordinance. Initially they thought to go with the least restrictive. After talking to the

Municipal League its better for the Borough as far as flood insurance rates that we don't do that. So, they gave us a draft that would be the best for the Borough. Once the Borough gets done reviewing that draft if they approve the changes then we'll go ahead and vote on that Ordinance. It should be in January. We have until April to get it done. But we have to get it done before April.

Police: Mayor Zangari has a letter from Jody Long resigning effective October 20, 2020. **Motion** to accept the resignation made by F. McDonald, second by B. Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried. Mayor Zangari addressed the box in the hall which comes free of charge purchased by Rite Aid. Old prescription drop off box. Once filled we call the program, they come take it and empty it. Only for prescription medication. It is not for needles or paraphernalia and things of that nature. It is available to anyone, really don't have to live in the Borough. When the Borough hall is open the box is going to remain there. So that it is secured. If you have old medication that you would like to safely dispose of bring it on in. That process will begin tonight. Officer Fred Lahovski said if you have nonprescription drugs or an illegal sorted, he is happy to meet them.

Solicitor Day said this is the time of year when the phone calls are coming for you to contribute to the police. Don't do it. Because the phone calls coming in, he received himself and his girlfriend. They don't want to give enough information they don't want to give anything that you could verify it. If you want to contribute to a police department fine but find a way to do it without going through somebody on the phone. Or anything else for that matter. Officer Fred Lahovski added that. Your police department are public servants and they already get paid. If you want to do anything for us for Christmas just give us some good thoughts, we appreciate that.

Building: Mayor Zangari asked council to do a free clothing drive on January 05th and 07th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. here at Borough hall. There is going to be a flyer if council approves that will suggest. If you are in need there is no cost. If you are in need and want to verify sizes to call and verify. Rather than coming and waltzing around. Mask will be required. It is open to anyone so if someone is in need someone will be here those nights. Part of that motion is the clothing they collected whatever doesn't get distributed or taken the Borough will dispose of. Salvation Army they are not taking donations right now and we don't have anywhere to go with them. **Motion** to approve Mayor request to have free clothing drive at Borough hall January 05th and 07th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and whatever left we will get rid of it made by E. Burns, second by B. Dempsey. Voted. All. Motion carried.

Street: E. Burns announced EK Services are back in town. They are doing the sidewalks that need to be patched. They will be here for a couple of weeks. Ready for the snow.

Code/QofL: Mayor Zangari said they are having issues finding the owner of the clothing bin down on Second Street. Multiple times they reached out to him and gotten no response. He suggests take the debris that is there and cite him restoration. Seal the container he does not suggest moving it. The mess continues to grow and continue to be there and don't get a call back. Solicitor Day said so it is a nuisance. Mayor agreed. E. Burns asked who owns it. Mayor Zangari did not have the name in front of him. C. Marquardt asked if there was a way to remove like an automobile type situation to get it out of there. Officer Fred Lahovski said there may be a way to give him a day to work on it. Mayor Zangari concern was damaging the container. Solicitor Day asked how did it get there in the first-place permit? Mayor Zangari said no he thinks he came and plopped it. It was not a problem before the pandemic when they stopped picking it up. They used to come on a regular basis and remove. Officer Fred Lahovski said tomorrow morning he will

bang on some doors and make some phone calls. Mayor said it is not a gentleman who lives in the Borough. Officer Lahovski said somebody may know who lives next door where it came from and point me in the right direction. He asked for a morning to work on it. C. Marquardt said he can reach out to Rick then if there is anything he needs to do on his end. The quicker we can get it out of there before the weather gets any worse. It has been here that long now it is becoming an eye sore. Attorney Arlen "Rick" Day said if he needs him to bring up his skid loader to drag it away to let him know.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Annetta Whitecavage asked if anyone reached out or found out if County Waste or anybody is going to pick up our recycling. She called about her bill and asked about it and they told her it would be eight dollars a month extra for them to pick up her recyclables. C. Marquardt said the County put an Ordinance together for the haulers. So, they got to follow the Ordinance. So, whatever they charge is what we are going to get stuck with. The Boroughs that had it themselves had till April 1st to get involved with that Ordinance. Its right there in their information. We do not have a contract, but County Waste does the Borough. A. Whitecavage said she understands that, but people are paying a \$1.00 if they come to Girardville it will be \$8.00. She is wondering if they can make an agreement. C. Marquardt said he can call County Waste see if somebody can talk to him in regards. He can call Joe from the County to ask him if he had contacts. He said County Waste is doing it at other municipalities. He was waiting for him to get back with it because they had talked about it when it first started. He hadn't heard nothing back. Marquardt heard different things and also heard somebody was interested in purchasing all the containers. He doesn't know how true that is no one got back to him. A. Whitecavage said at the last commissioners meeting they were going to dismantle them by the end of the month. C. Marquardt response they had a bid in, and it was approved for about eight thousand bucks or something like that for an outfit in Port Carbon that was supposed to come dismantle them all. They're saying they have forty-five days from the day they approved the contract. We have not seen anything yet. We asked the drivers if they heard anything, all they say is they go day to day. They go in to see if they are still going out. C. Marquardt's understanding is when they come to empty the recycling bins here, they guys will be here. I guess they are going to do it in that sequence they'll take it out that same day when they empty all the bins. A. Whitecavage wanted to see if anybody talked to County Waste because she called as an individual and they said they have to see if they have a route out this way. She guesses they would have to set stuff up or maybe give a discounted rate depending on how many is here. Hopefully anyway. C. Marquardt will reach out to them and asked them. He will have something here and will also reach out to Joe to see what else has to be done.

Motion to adjourn made by E. Burns, seconded by F. McDonald. Vote. All. Motion carried.

C. Marquardt said Merry Christmas.

Respectfully submitted,

Candice Squires
Secretary/Treasurer