

BOROUGH OF GIRARDVILLE

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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** January 13, 2021 **TIME:** 7:30 PM

OPEN MEETING

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

ROLL CALL

Members present: Brian Dempsey, Fred McDonald, Edward Burns, Mayor Michael Zangari, Charles Marquardt, and Solicitor Day.

Members absent: Joseph Kessler.

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

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

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

Treasurer's report: Motion to accept the report made by B. Dempsey, 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 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: Read by Mayor Zangari. 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. Fire Chief addressed Council stated the CAD System is in operation at the 911 center. Which enhances our addressing. Which enhances their response. They already had conflict of response going out to the high road at Butler Township. Which delayed the Fire Department response by thirteen minutes. Chief Zangari has been working since

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March with the Fire Department addressing and correcting addresses in town and make sure the building still exist on the map and parcels. Second part of that is to make sure everything in the Borough has an address. That was his reason to meet with Council on Sunday. Last part will be to meet with Butler Township to discuss West Mahanoy Avenue, Homesville high road, and Homesville low road. We are going to be away from nicknames like Perdokey's hill, flicker hill they won't exist in the future. They will actually have address. That will be the only way dispatch will be able to pinpoint on the google maps to dispatch us. Schuylkill Haven is almost finished. All the Borough's should be finished in a couple of weeks. There's 67 units in our county that has to be done. It will not change your mailing address. So, the citizens do not have to worry about their mailing address. It will help with Amazon and packages, so they won't be put at the neighbor's house. When they are finished this addressing, in the phone it will come up correctly. Any questions the people can contact him. He will continue to keep Council apprised on how it is going. C. Marquardt said we appreciate your help Frank in getting it done.

Permit Officer's report: Motion to accept the report as submitted made by E. Burns, seconded by B. Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried. Total collected \$6,657.30 Verizon Building on B 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. C. Marquardt said on the bills for GAMA for the year 2021 is for the Borough building and School Building. One less thing to worry about.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. County demolition program Mayor Zangari got the applications and is working with Entech right now to get everything. They have to come in and take an appraised value on the properties. Then come up with an estimate on what it will cost. Write up the estimate and then certified it that the building meets all the criteria for the program. Once they get all that done. Mayor Zangari hopes by the next meeting. Then they'll have a grand total of what it will potentially cost if they were able to be awarded the money. Then we'll have to pass a Resolution. Once the Resolution is passed, they can send everything in and will be submitted. He has been in contacted with them for the past few weeks to get everything squared away. Then they will move on.
- b. Recycling C. Marquardt meet with the representative from County Waste his name is Jonas Kreitzer. He supposed to be working on drafting things up. It is looking like they will be picking up our recycling. They in turn will be notifying all the customers in the coverage area exactly what the cost will be. Marquardt believes they will be picking up on the same time as they pick up the trash. They have truck that they can divided them. They can pick up recycling one side trash on the other. There will be more information on it. In the meantime, people have been putting it out. Marquardt questioned him on that and is waiting on an answer. Soon as he gets a response, he will let everyone know what is going on. John Smolock said it was in the paper last week Rush Township got grant money to do the recycling. Rush Township probably does their own garbage. They said something about grant money. He imagines they will put the cost on them for the money

for the recycling. C. Marquardt said he will check into that. He did contact people down the mountain they had their own dumpsters there and they were pulling their dumpsters out to because the bottom of the recycling industry is falling out drastically. Marquardt said they were going to give him cost and stuff but sounds like they are going to pull out anyway. He will give Rush Township a call and see what they applied for. Officer Lahovski said Rush Township had very similar on what we had a drop off and had curbside. They are getting away from that because of what you said. There are grants out there, but the balancing act is not sustainable financially. Edna Labie said right now throwing their recyclable items in the regular trash. C. Marquardt said he would just put them in a separate bag then put them out. That is what he is doing. He imagines they would be issuing them just like they would with the garbage. Edna Labie heard someone say they would charge so much for a month. C. Marquardt said it sounded to him that it would be tacked on to the monthly garbage bill. It did not sound like it would be a whole hell of a lot. But he did have to finalize everything. Edna stated someone said it would be like six dollars and ninety-five cents or something. That sounded a little steep. C. Marquardt said he didn't come out with an actual but said it's just a small fee added on to it to pick it up. Marquardt said he don't want to say anything until he has it in writing and is waiting on him to get back to him.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Tax Claim Bureau Repository Bid. Property at 361 West Preston Ave owner Glenn Keller. Bidder is RSK Flipper, LLC. Annetta Whitecavage asked who bid on it. RSK Flipper, LLC C. Marquardt asked Mary Beth if it was Mary Canavan's old house. Return form by January 20th. C. Marquardt asked Annetta to check into that and do you know who they are. Ms. Whitecavage did not know. Frank Zangari said it was the same guy that bought it is the same guy tied up with the convent the LLC. He is waiting to get the deed transferred so he can cut the back out and start fixing it. They had it posted and they came down. C. Marquardt asked if he was a reliable guy. F. Zangari said yeah, he is going to fix it up. **Motion** to proceed made by E. Burns, seconded by B. Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried.
- b. Schuylkill County Land Bank. **Motion** to approve 2021 yearly fee of \$1,000.00 made by B. Dempsey, seconded by F. McDonald. Vote. All. Motion carried.
- c. Girardville Mobile Market schedule at our location of 3rd and B Streets from January through June on the third Monday of the month from 11am to 1pm. February would take place on the fourth Monday of the month due to Presidents Day. They increased from serving fifty families to eighty-five families. **Motion** to allow Girardville Mobile Market to continue through Helping Harvest made by E. Burns, seconded by B. Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried.
- d. Food and Soup Sale request for the Katsoris and Ferrari families on the Main Street. January 23rd from 11am to sell out at the Girardville Borough hall. Take out only and the money raised will go to the family effected by the house fire on January 1st to cover structural and medical costs. C. Marquardt read out the food/soup items on the flyer. **Motion** to allow sale at Borough hall made by B. Dempsey, seconded by F. McDonald. Vote. All. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Letter from Entech explaining a donating to food bank on behalf of Girardville Borough.
- b. Letter from Christ United Lutheran Church thanking Entech for the donation on behalf of the Girardville Borough.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police: Mayor Zangari announced Girardville Borough Police Department is now on Facebook. It is monitor by the administrators of the Borough. When they wanted folks or need to get information out to the public quickly. They'll utilize the Facebook, but it does not take over for anything that would have to be published in the newspaper. Just simply a tool to get messages out to folks. It's named a liked page Girardville Borough Police Department if you would like to follow it and stay up to date.

Mayor Zangari has a request for a revision of the rates for the Police Officers. Currently we have a fluctuating rate based on certain times of the day. His proposal that everyone has a copy of it. Probationary officers no matter of background, years of service would come in at a rate of \$14.50 which is current to what we are now. They would be under that base rate for ninety calendar days of employment after that the Police committee would approve them to become a senior officer. Their rate would move to \$16 hour base rate. That would be all times from Sunday through Thursday all day and then Fridays and Saturdays from 6am to 6pm. The Chief of Police rate would not include the OIC it would be someone appointed to the Chief of Police would be \$16.50 hour base rate. The premium rate Mayor Zangari would like to keep which is currently in place. Which is \$19 per hour that is Friday and Saturday evenings from 6pm to 6am. Probationary officers must be approved by Council for premium shift which is current to how it is now. What this does is erase the pay scale from the 6pm to 6am rate Sunday through Thursday which was a little confusing on the paperwork side. The hours of total would stay the same. The police department had 64 hours a week. 56 for patrol and 8 hours for court. An Officer may not exceed 28 hours per week or 56 per pay period. Court time would be at the base rate for officers. Senior officers and Chief of Police are eligible for yearly raise if Council grants one. Base rates continue but would not change the premium rate. **Motion** to accept proposal made by B. Dempsey, seconded by E. Burns, Vote. All. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Edna Labie announced they hope to have their Senior meeting again in February if not March. She asked to have some of those tables moved. She can't come down here and pick those tables up. C. Marquardt said they will work with her and she is to tell them when she needs it for to let them know. Ms. Labie said it depends on the numbers if they'll try to have a meeting or not. She doesn't have that many people coming. There might only be 15 people and they would space them far enough apart. They have to be able to get in there to make a pot of coffee. C. Marquardt said we were going to move all that stuff out. He asked Labie what are you thinking the first Monday in February. Edna said no the second Monday in February and if not, she can leave us know. C. Marquardt told her we would take care of it for her. Edna said she would let us know.

Julie Rutko said she did not catch what the time for the Mobile Market was going to be. C. Marquardt said it is right outside here between the basketball courts and the park here. It is going to be held on the third Monday of the month. Annetta Whitecavage said this Monday. Edna Labie asked what time. C. Marquardt from 11 to 1. Annetta Whitecavage said they are going to move it across in the stone parking lot because of the mud down by the courts. C. Marquardt said ok so were going to move it across from the Borough hall. Edna Labie asked if it was based on income or not. Annetta Whitecavage said no. Anyone in need of food. All they do is take your name and address.

Frank Zangari said a request made by Bernie Chupasko's family. Bernie was a long-time waitress at Tony's Lunch she will be 90 years old on Sunday. There is a request for a drive by parade up on West Mahanoy Avenue. Fire Company will participate in that. No sirens. It will be at 1 o'clock this Sunday. So, any family or residents that would like to participate in the drive by parade. It will be short, but Bernie will be outside at 1 o'clock. She will be 90 years old. Which she worked for 67 years at Tony's Lunch. Mayor Zangari asked if they will be meeting here. Frank said the parade will meet here at quarter to 1 and it will leave here. There will not be sirens just the lights on as they pass through to her apartment. That is, it just fire apparatus. C. Marquardt said he thinks on behalf of the Borough we wish Bernie a very happy birthday happy 90th birthday and many more. C. Squires said if we have a police officer on maybe send them as well. C. Marquardt said sure they will be there. Mayor Zangari said yep, it's taken care of.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Candice Squires
Secretary/Treasurer

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PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** February 10, 2021 **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 Solicitor Day.

Members absent: None.

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

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

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

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

Mayor's report: Read by Mayor Michael Zangari. Motion to accept report as read made by J. Kessler. seconded by B. Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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

Permit Officer's report: C. Marquardt, we don't have a permit officers report at this time.

BILLS

Motion to approve the bill list as submitted and read. On the question E. Burns asked to another snow removal bill that will be submitted by the other trucking company the amount is the same as Dudash. **Motion** to approve the bills as submitted and to pay snow removal from other trucking company was made by E. Burns, seconded by J. Kessler. Vote. All. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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- a. County demolition properties. Mayor Zangari said they did get a few calls from the County on Friday. They accepted four out of seven properties for submitting. He is asking council permission for obtaining 101 Rickard Street, 139, 141, and 141 A West Main Street. Motion to follow through with paperwork and procedures to acquire properties to get them on the demolition. Mayor Zangari said part of the process is the Borough is to obtain the properties, submit the paperwork to obtain them for a dollar. Once we legally own the properties, we'll go through the process of bidding out the projects through Entech. Once we have the bids back, we can submit bids packet to the County. We'll have to pass a Resolution finalize the paperwork and agree to their terms of the demolition project. Then we hope the funding will be disbursed and we can go along with the project from there. First, we do have to obtain the properties. We did get the verbal that each of these properties are going to be part of the project. **Motion** to acquire these four properties to proceed made by E. Burns, seconded by B. Dempsey. Vote all. Motion carried.
 - b. Recycling, C. Marquardt said he still hasn't received word back from County Waste. He was waiting on them to find out what is going to happen with the recycling. As far as Marquardt knows people are putting them out with their garbage. He has not received anything official with increases or anything like that. With the snow they were supposed to get back to us and meet with us. They are still waiting, and he has several calls into them. Soon as he hears something, he will let the public know what is going on.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Ordinance 2021-1 read by Solicitor Arlen "Rick" Day. It is for the grant and loan for the backhoe and the roof. **Motion** to approve Ordinance 2021-1 was made by E. Burns, seconded by J. Kessler. Vote all. Motion carried.
- b. Roof on Municipal Building. Twelve bids received. C. Marquardt read the email which read. Our engineer which is Don Cuff, Entech Engineering accepted the bids as they were posted and opened on Penn Bid on February 04th. A tabulation of those bids are included in the recommendation letter attached. Accept our Recommendation and Award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder, Ark Contracting, LLC from Mount Union, PA in the amount of \$95,047.00 contingent upon approval by the USDA. **Motion** to hire Ark Contracting, LLC to put the roof on the municipal building made by E. Burns, seconded by F. McDonald. Vote all. Motion carried.
- c. Mid Penn Bank Proposal note read by C. Marquardt. C. Marquardt asked what day it started on. Solicitor Day said April 20th of 21. **Motion** to approve general obligation note made by E. Burns, seconded by F. McDonald. Vote. All. Motion carried.
- d. COSTARS Program Salt contract. Motion to approve COSTARS on the question C. Marquardt asked Candice is it for one load. C. Squires said for two. **Motion** to approve two loads of salt made by E. Burns, seconded by F. McDonald. Vote all. Motion carried.
- e. Approval for the Fire Chief agreement and a rate at \$500.00 payable at end of the year made by E. Burns, seconded by B. Dempsey. Vote all. Motion carried.
- f. Girardville Mobile Market is seeking anyone interested in helping them giving out food. They need additional help. Annetta Whitecavage said they need about six people. The volunteers come from Reading and they are having a hard time getting enough people to come up all the way from Reading to here for the two hours to give out food. Its on February 22nd from 11 to 1. They served eight-five families last month. If anyone can help let her know.

- g. Rangers Hose Co. request to hold Easter Egg Hunt for the children who reside in Girardville on Sunday, March 28th, 2021. Easter bunny will arrive at 12:30. The egg hunt will begin at 1:00 p.m. They are asking permission to use the Little League field and the playground for the Easter Egg hunt. **Motion** to approve the Rangers annual Easter Egg Hunt made by J. Kessler, seconded by F. McDonald. Vote all. Motion carried.

Solicitor Arlen "Rick" Day wanted to clarify; Charlie missed spoke when he was reading as far as the USDA loan. The obligation note would be the Wall Street Journal plus .25% Not 25%. C. Marquardt apologized about that. Solicitor Day said he didn't want anyone from the Borough think we had you doing 25%.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Flyers and booklets.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Street: E. Burns wanted to thank everybody who cooperated for the snow removal. They had the usual help, and it went smoothly. The Fire Companies, Fire Police, and volunteers. Naturally, the Borough workers did a great job. Almost around the clock they were working. It was a nasty removal. It went pretty-smoothly. Mr. Burns wanted to thank everyone that helped.

Police: Mayor Zangari announced the board that is over here are for those who are not on social media land. They don't get to see events going on or Police announcements. That is going to be mounted out in the vestibule. So, if there is on going incidents that the Police need your help with or things you need to know about etc. They will try and update that as much as possible. It is just a way to try and get information out for folks that are not seeing things on social media. Mayor Zangari and the Police committee meet with Officer Lahovski. When they hired him back in November contingent on when they made an agreement with Officer Lahovski. That in his ninety days they would revisit him, sit down go over things they liked, didn't like, do the whole review, and make a recommendation to Council. Mayor Zangari would like to recommend to Council on behalf of himself and the Police committee that they appoint OIC Lahovski to Chief of Police. They did go over expectations. His pay rate is currently at \$14.50 his pay rate will go to \$16.50 which is Police Chief pay rate. Which was adopted at the last Council meeting. That would go into effect the beginning of next pay period. Mayor believes it is next Monday and asked Candice. C. Squires said the 15th. **Motion** to appoint F. Lahovski as Police Chief and a pay rate effective February 15th at \$16.50 per hour made by E. Burns, seconded by J. Kessler. Vote all. Motion carried. Mayor Michael Zangari administered the oath of office as Police of Chief. Duly sworn Police Chief Frederick J Lahovski Jr. Audience applauded. Solicitor Day joked you can't retire a month from now. Chief Lahovski talked about a new program they have started. Chief Lahovski said the last three months, it's very apparent with several cases that criminal events that were solved through video. Multiple actually, from people home surveillance cameras. The Mayor was very prolific in getting a Facebook page together. Pushing me to do more press releases and has become Borough way to reach out to the community, keeping the community informed. Its also an encouragement for feed back from the community. Chief Lahovski went on to say one of the things they want to initiate immediately. They are calling it the Girardville 360 initiative obviously 360 come to a full circle. They are looking to have people who are willing to assist them in accessing any home surveillance they may have. What happens when they go out to the scene of a crime, he is spending an inordinate amount of time canvassing the area looking up at the clouds like he is hallucinating. But he is actually looking

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for people who got home surveillance. So, they want to create a registry for people who are willing to allow people in the event of a crime or an episode of importance to access, to contact them for access to their home security. The registry form will be available here at the Borough hall for anybody who is interested in expediting the Police Department knowing where the security cameras are. There is a form, and it will be on that board for anybody. Anybody willing to help them. They are certainly willing to accept their help and do something prolific with it. Mayor Zangari said the list itself will be kept confidential within the Police Department. Officer Lahovski added there won't be any testifying at court. There won't be any disclosure. They will take the information as it comes and operate independently with it from there. Mayor said thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comment made.

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

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Members absent: Joseph Kessler.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA:

Joseph Chiaretti asked if you needed to stand at the podium for a public comment. C. Marquardt said yes, its on the agenda its not open for new business yet.

Mayor Zangari announced they received notice on February 17th from the County of Schuylkill in reference to property 21 and 25 West Ogden Street Girardville Borough for a bid placed by Global Construction Group Corporation for both properties. 25 W. Ogden was bid for \$1,0073.00 and 21 W. Ogden Street was \$2,266.00. Mayor has a complete packet of investigation through our Code and Police department. At this time, the Mayor has a letter they will be sending out to the commissioners on behalf of the Borough. As to why we believe these properties should be denied for sale. Mayor read the letter to the public. It explained they are blighted properties unfit for human habitation. Both buildings had been posted demined hazardous and/or dangerous and shall not be entered. Both properties are located in regulated floodway and endure water damage regularly due to their deterioration. Both currently would not pass a Girardville Borough occupancy permit inspection. With out having major roof and constructional damage. They currently do not meet the Girardville Borough Ordinance requiring all structure with water service to be connected to our Municipal Sewer System. The Girardville Borough is currently looking at options to obtain funding to demolish those properties. We are working with the neighbors of 25 W. Ogden Street to purchase those properties after demolition is complete. This will allow them to be relisted on the tax rolls, provide additional funding to local Government. We ask that you respectfully deny the sale of 21 and 25 West Ogden Street Girardville. So, we can ensure the safety of those residents nearby. Attached to the letter is information they had obtained from their investigation through the Girardville Borough Police and Code Department. It also includes photos of properties and dangerous buildings notices. Mayor Zangari is asking Council to vote no for these, fill the paperwork out, and our Solicitor will send this to the County Solicitor for their deadline Monday, March 15, 2021.

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Motion to deny sale of property 21 W. Ogden Street to Global Construction Group Corp made by B. Dempsey, second by E. Burns. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to deny sale of property 25 W. Ogden Street made by F. McDonald, second by B. Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried.

C. Marquardt thanked Commissioner Hetherington.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

Minutes: Mayor Zangari said we need to make an amendment to the minutes of the previous meeting. Mayor apologized for speaking out of turn and gave the wrong addresses. The correction because he gave the wrong addresses for the County demolition program. Mayor gave 139 141 and 141 A. The correction should reflect 239, 241, and 241 A Girardville and including 101 North Richard Street. Motion to change what was previously on the minutes to the current new addresses made by E. Burns, second by F. McDonald. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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.

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.

Permit Officer's report: No permits.

BILLS

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Resolution 2021-1 approve submission of property address 101 N. Richard St, 239 W. Main Street, 241 W. Main Street and 241 A W. Main Street to the County demolition program. Mayor Zangari said estimates for 101 Richard came out to be \$23,250.00. Estimate for 239 which includes black paper and siding of 237 came out to \$58,000. 241 W. Main came out to \$25,500. 241 A W. Main came out to \$27,500. Total estimated cost of \$134,250.00 all structures are residential. All structures are considered blighted per PA Act 152-2016. Mayor read on the report asbestos if found is not included in the estimate. 239 W Main Street includes estimate if 241 and 241 A are not demolished. Estimate reduced by \$8,000.00 if 241 and 241 A demolished prior too. That was submitted by Don Cuff of Entech. Mayor Zangari had been in contact with the Demanski family they will have to approve us to come on their property and when 239 is removed that their property is structurally sound. **Motion** to approve demolition

application for signatures four properties 101 N. Richard 239 W Main, 241 W. Main 241A W. Main made by E. Burns, seconded by F. McDonald. Vote. All. Motion carried. **Motion** to approve the Resolution 2021-1 made by B. Dempsey, seconded by F. McDonald. Vote. All. Motion carried. Mayor Zangari wanted to note that if there is funding left after the first round of demolition it is possible, we may get more properties. Other part is after speaking with the County it does sound like barring everything comes in below our estimated costs will be. There should not be additional funding needed from the Borough side of it. This is from the Mayors understanding this is 100% through this program. Other than the cost from Entech to prepare this which we had to do and obtain the properties from repository. It should not cost our taxpayers much more.

- b. Recycling for the plastics C. Marquardt reached out to Mr. Kreitzer and have not received any calls. C. Marquardt called the County and talked to Lisa Mahall. She had given him the name of a guy who he believes is the new regional sales manager for PA. He reached out to him two or three times. The County did tell him they will be working with these people. Its nothing on the citizens of the Borough but its going to reflect the trash hauler because it has to be in compliance by April 1st. Marquardt hopes to hear something back this week or next week. He's understanding is the letters will be going out to the citizens in the Borough. It will be from the Corporate office it will be outlined what they are doing and how they will be doing it and the initial fee increase cost to do it. It might be a five dollar increase but not sure until we see the actual letter. Marquardt apologized he had not heard back from anyone. He has several notes and was on hold for forty-five minutes. Candice was on hold as well for thirty-fourty minutes. If anyone gets letters, please the Borough hall know that they were sent out.
- c. C. Marquardt said he receive a call concerning Drew Petrousky house at 341 North Second Street. He was in contact with Mary Beth Dougherty from the Senators Office the other day. He did reach out to Helen Miernicki from the land bank. They are going to look into it and told him to add this to the current list because right now the land bank has no funding for it. They didn't receive funding from the County as of yet or however their funding comes in. They are working on it. If anybody from the Borough but would like a Borough Council person. If anyone from the Borough is interested in sitting in as a representative of the Borough on the land bank. Dan Heiser had resigned. If interested, please notify us at the Borough hall. If Council people is interested, we need somebody, and she is willing to sit down with you. To get you up to speed and let you know what is going on. It would be an asset to the Borough itself. If anyone can please let us know.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. GAMA loan/grant E. Burns said GAMA is looking into the process of getting a loan/grant for long term financing for the plant. They are requesting permission of the Borough to do this. **Motion** to grant permission to proceed and see what the costs are involved for GAMA to apply for a grant/loan made by F. McDonald, second by B. Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried.
- b. Snow removal E. Burns wanted to remind people (plow jockeys as he calls them) that make more work for the Borough. You push snow, pile it, you pick it up. There is an Ordinance about it. There is two spots they are putting it on corner and making it dangerous. They will be cited. They put it where they want to put it. They are not hired by the Borough and not told where to put it. You are going to be cited.
- c. Easter Egg Hunt on behalf of the Rangers Hose Company Michael Zangari would like to ask permission if for some reason the little league field and the park is too swampy and are unable to use it. They would like permission to be able to use the Basketball Courts for their Easter

Egg Hunt on the 28th. **Motion** to grant Rangers Hose Company permission to use the Basketball courts if the current location which is the little league field is unacceptable made by F. McDonald, second by E. Burns. Vote. All. Motion carried.

- d. Request from Mrs. Peggy Barry. C. Marquardt said she would like an eight-foot park bench like the other ones already in the park. She would like it to be light colored wood with black lettering. She wants the names on the back of the bench. She has the names listed with some words and would like the location of the bench at the basketball courts. She wants to know the cost. She will pay it immediately and she will also pay any future upkeep on it. Marquardt asked her to come Friday morning to meet with us to look at what she is talking about and to get a cost off of her. If Council has no objection and they make a motion to allow them to put the bench in or benches. It all depends on if they can put the names. Its two names her son and a friend of his on the benches. She would like to put up in memory of the both of them at the basketball court. **Motion** to allow to meet with her and see what she has in mind and the cost made by E. Burns, second by F. McDonald. Vote. All. Motion carried.
- e. K&B Recycling for electronics in the Borough. It will be June 12th on a Saturday from 9 to 2. It will be at one location and they will take care of everything they just ask us to do some advertising up this end. They will advertise. They have a price list, and they will handle everything. The Borough is not involved and there is no cost to the Borough. Whatever stuff you have there is a cost to get rid of it. They are willing to come up and do a electronic pickup in the Borough. C. Marquardt read out a list they will be collecting. If for some reason they are gone when you get here, they will have information that you can contact them. They will come back to pick your stuff up. The spot we thought would be near the old recycling center they'll set up you come in your car and they will unload the vehicles and get rid of it. You would not have to get out of your vehicle. Follow CDC guidelines for covid. **Motion** to allow electronic recycling Saturday, June 12th from 9 to 2 made by F. McDonald, second by E. Burns. Vote. All. Motion carried. Mary Beth Dougherty said they'll actually come and pick up at your house. They are coming tomorrow to pick up a TV at my house at no cost to pick it up. C. Marquardt repeated and that is what they said if you miss them over here, they have a phone number they will give us to call them, and they'll come directly to your house and pick it up at you house.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Flyers and magazines

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police: Mayor Zangari said that he believes a few years back Council approved to make Vine Street a one way north. No parking either side starting at Main and going all the way down. We had not posted and painted it at all. He has received some complaints they are parking on both sides of the Street, and you cannot get through with a vehicle let alone an emergency vehicle. Mayor Zangari is asking Council to take the appropriate action to get the proper signage. When the weather permits to paint the sides so we can follow through with that and start enforcing it. C. Marquardt said we look into that through the minutes and see what the action says. You are probably right. E. Burns did talk to a couple of people who live up there. A couple of handicap people come out the side of the hill. Burns said when they do paint the yellow. These people actually come through other people's yards. So, if we can paint some part of it blue. C. Marquardt said just to get picked up. Then he would imagine if they just get picked up when they come through there. E. Burns said no the officer might not know if we said

yes. If they are not there and is in the house just coming up, they would be ticketed. Mayor Zangari asked Chief that they would have to mark it handicap stop. Chief Fred Lahovski said if you want to follow the letter of the law. If you paint the curb blue the officer comes down there, you'd hope they would be two minutes. We are not a huge municipality and only watch that they exercise discretion with good judgement like that for some type of disable. C. Marquardt said as long as they abide by the signs because if we paint a blue line there and somebody with a handicap placard or sticker other than them park there. You understand what I'm saying. E. Burns replied he did not want a whole spot there just one spot where he can come out. Mayor Zangari said that any officers are going to use best judgement if someone is unloading or helping someone out. He thinks if they paint it blue instead of yellow, you're going to have folks park there. E. Burns is not saying that. Mayor Zangari gets what he is saying but looking at what will happen will defeat the purpose. E. Burns said to paint it loading zone. Chief Lahovski said just to keep it all yellow and if it works well and we don't have any issues. Where an officer doesn't exercise good judgement then we have no issue. There may be something if you make permanent markings unfortunately, there are nine out of ten are great, but one is going to park there as a sense of entitlement and that is going to be an issue. If it becomes an issue for parking when it becomes all yellow, there we can try and do it and see how that goes. E. Burns ok we will revisit.

Street: E. Burns says there is a Street over at Ash alley and Second St. there is an issue over there. There is yellow lines that have to be painted. They complain that we don't plow over there. You cannot plow when they are both parked there. The plow can not get through. If we go over and look at it and determine what side should be painted it will work that way. C. Marquardt said we'll look at it through the Street committee.

Code/QofL: Mayor Zangari said back in 2017 the Borough passed an Ordinance 2017-1 stating that if you are a renter, a property owner and are renting a property you could not pass an occupancy permit if you owed taxes, garbage, water, sewer to any municipality. We are currently in the process and will be working with GAMA on the sewer end to completing some forms. Notification to those property owners of those Ordinance to make sure they are aware. Working with the owner to pay what is owed to the Borough or the County as in taxes or sewer or there is a fine. The Ordinance 2017-1 references 2016-1 which states if they do owe taxes, garbage, sewer, water to any municipality they can be fined up to no less than a hundred dollars up to no more than one thousand dollars to be payable within ninety days. Mayor Zangari is asking the Borough for permission. To draw up a letter with the Solicitor to allow our Code office to use and they will work on the wording this is what we were talking about tonight. Revise the Ordinance to state if the property owner agrees in writing to get into a payment agreement for either their taxes and or their municipal authority bill that fine will not be issued in good faith they are going to pay. If they stop paying on their agreement, then that fine will be issued. Mayor wants to revise the ordinance. Because that Ordinance does not reference at all payment agreement of any kind. Mayor is asking permission on behalf of the Borough to draw up the paperwork and to work with the Solicitor to amend that Ordinance. So, we can properly use that Ordinance to our benefit. **Motion** to allow Mayor request made by F. McDonald, second by B. Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Solicitor Day said when you come up your required to give your name and your address. The reason why they have you do that under the law if you don't have a property in the Borough. If you are not a resident or have a property. You don't have authority to speak before the Borough unless they give you permission to. It is a formal thing you state your name and address.

Joseph Chiaretti has a property at 336 W. Main Street. He used to have a property at 300 W. Main Street which up until a few days ago he got rid of. The reason for his comment. He is trying to get something on record. As an ex-Borough Councilmen, he knows well what it's like to try and please half the people half the time. Recently we had some issues said Mr. Chiaretti on the 300 Block of West Main Street. He wanted to comment that he appreciates Charlie Marquardt's efforts, Danny Cress's effort, but especially Frankie Zangari's effort. The work that was done is excellent. The amount of accomplishment was pretty sufficient in my opinion over the last few days. He just wanted to make sure everybody knows that. C. Marquardt thank Joe.

Commissioner Barron Hetherington is not a Borough resident. He wanted to come out and say hello. He was appointed last year in April to fill the term of our dear friend Frank Staudenmaier who passed on. Commissioner Hetherington has been trying to go as much as he can to other townships municipalities and at least say hello and see how it works. He is a twenty-year Veteran and an auditor for his township and actually lost that job with being a Commissioner now. He thanked the good lord in heaven. He was a committee man in his township for many years and he understands what the folks go through. This is where it all starts this is the grass roots. The buck doesn't go any lower on this end here. He appreciates all that they have done. He noticed former Borough Council members Mary Beth. He just wanted to say if there is anything here, he can do to help in Girardville to get a hold of him. He does work with Frank with the Fireman stuff. Commissioner Hetherington went on to talk about the Chirp program going on right now with the county. A little of advertising. Chirp Covid Hospitality Income Recover Program. It's geared toward restaurants and hotels. If you know a restaurant that had a tuff time. If your income was less in 2020 than it was in 2019 go on the Schuylkill County website under the Chirp program it will hook you up with NEPA North East PA. There are grants between 5,000 and 25,000 available to help restaurants. If you know anyone in the restaurant business or hotel business, please encourage them to sign up under the NEPA on our website for Schuylkill County. You can also go under the NEPA website and the application is there. \$145 million that was outbid Statewide. Our share was 1.6 million. As of Monday, started applications a lot of restaurants had a tuff time. So, if you know anyone you know anybody, he urges you to have them to apply. Commissioner Hetherington talked about growing up North Schuylkill and his girlfriend from town and eat a lot of Centiols over the years and had a lot of fond memories of being in Girardville hanging out with his lady friend. He then thanked everyone for all they do. He gave a number 628-1201 to give him a call at the courthouse.

Edna Labie 334 A Street said they will be cutting down the tree in their backyard. She was wonder if they can take stuff over to the island or not. C. Marquardt asked if they are doing it right away. Mrs. Labie said she did not it would have to be on a Saturday. She would have to get Mike to unlock. She doesn't know if they have to get permits to cut a tree down. C. Marquardt said no but he would have to check and see how. If she does not know how soon it is. Labie said to talk to Ed. C. Marquardt said he'll ask him. He wanted to make sure there is room over there. C. Marquardt asked if it was the Christmas tree. Labie said yeah, the one in her back yard. If the weather is bad it could fall right on her pool. So, they want to take it down before they have any problems. C. Marquardt will talk to Mike and talk to Ed.

Mary Beth Dougherty 355 West Main asked any thoughts on sweeping the streets. It will be the third winter is having not been done. She knows we are not having a parade, but still, we all live here. Its scummy its filthy this town is disgusting looking with how dirty the streets are. So, if you could give some consideration to it this year. It is needed. Thanks. C. Marquardt said sure thank you.

Doug Litwhiler 209 B Street. Asked about the recycling is there something with the residential if there is over 2500 people an exemption in the ordinance? E. Burns said he can't answer that question he does not have the ordinance. D. Litwhiler believes there is something in there he heard at other meetings, other people said they are exempt from the rules. The other thing he wanted to talk about is Fred. Litwhiler stated he knows Fred about six years. He worked here eight years ago, and he won't go back that far. Litwhiler then said. That is the best thing you guys did in the last seven years was hiring a guy like that. He knows his job. He's doing a great job. You guys sure want to keep a hold on him as long as you can because there is not anybody around better than Fred is. E. Burns said thank you very much.

Jeff Dunkel owns several properties 116 East Main Street. He had a question as far as landlord's go, property management, property owners. Is there an ordinance that states there is a requirement for the owner or for property manager to live in a certain distance of the property? C. Marquardt not to his knowledge. Dunkel went on to say about the major problem with blighted properties is all these out of towners coming in. Dunkel goes to the tax sales, he goes to the courthouse where they have it and all you see is New York license plates, New Jersey licenses plates, Ohio, Virginia. They are all coming in from out of town. Where they pay astronomical amounts for places that don't have roofs. Don't have porches, falling down, windows busted out. The county should take the lead on this and put some sort of overall ordinance on. As far as having the owner or property manager listed with in a set amount of miles. You have all theses people from New York, New Jersey and essentially it is affecting other people like myself. J. Dunkel said he knows Fred and he knows Frankie since he first bought property here. They put a lot of money in their properties to keep them up just as well as people who live here. Having these out of towners just let them fall down. Its something he thinks should be looked into. Not only on a municipal level but on the county level because they are the ones that are having these tax sales, kicking things back to you guys, and giving it to every Tom, Dick, and Harry just because they want the money.

Jeff Dunkel is the Vice-President Dustin's Adventure Land 501c3 nonprofit based out of Pottsville. Last year they started an easter bunny tour for during easter season right when covid hit. To give the kids a sense of normalcy for easter bunny to go around, see him, and the kids could get pictures with him. They got a convertible and went to twelve municipalities last year. They did come through Girardville there was some issues as far as getting first responders on board with it. This was the only municipality that was called and didn't lead us through. This year they got it taken care of. Chief is going to take care of it. They are going to come through good Friday approximately somewhere around four o'clock in the afternoon. They will go through. Sponsored by two people. Annetta took care of half of the sponsorship and Mr. Litwhiler he just spoke, and he is actually running for Sheriff. He sponsored the other half of it. Those who are taken care of the sponsorship will throw out a ton of candy to the kids. The easter bunny will go through. The Chief is going to lead us through. This year they will visit seventeen municipalities. Mr. Dunkel will get with the Mayor and Chief and asked if they could share through their Facebook. Next year they hope to build an all-inclusive playground in Minersville. They raised over eighty-five thousand so far and have a grant coming to them from the State. It will be the first of its kind within a hundred miles. Council thanked him.

Annetta Whitecavage 389 West Main wanted to report on Helping Harvest that comes one a month food market. Last month they were here, and it snowed terrible Betty Ann and Julie can attest they helped. They severed sixty-three families, a hundred and thirty-seven people, thirty-four children, sixty-six adults, thirty-seven seniors, and two new people in an hour. It is working it is helping people. They will be here again on Monday from 11-1. They are using Fourth Street it works very well. The

truck unload, they are in and out, they clear everything in their cars. Anybody that is in need of food, so it is working.

Annetta Whitecavage was asked by the Legion to mention banners will be going up in May. Anyone who has banners they are ready and wants them put back up. It is a fifty-dollar fee for two more years to go up. Just see Marc Burlile from the Legion they are usually there Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. If you want a new banner, you will have to talk to them because the applications actually closed. So just give them a buzz or stop and see them. They will be going up in May and come down in November. C. Marquardt thanked Annetta.

Robert Krick 1 West Main Street. He is here to represent the Watershed Association. They have some concerns about plowing the property over here. Piling of the snow on the fence. He doesn't know if there is any damage to the fence or not and asked if they will be taken care of that if it is broken. It is their property and they have been plowing and dumping snow on it. They have some ruff concerns on that. C. Marquardt asked right here at Melendez's. Mr. Krick said yes on Melendez's. it usually ends up being a big pile of dirt and all the rock they had at the front entrance gets pushed away. C. Marquardt asked ok, so we shouldn't put it there at all is that what you mean. Krick stated I don't think you should no. He then said thanks.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** April 14, 2021 **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 Arlen Rick Day II.

Members absent: None

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA: No comment made on the agenda.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

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

Permit Officer's report: No permits issued.

Fire Chief's report: Motion to accept the report as submitted 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 F. McDonald. Vote. All. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Recycling C. Marquardt said there was several emails, phone calls and did not get a response. He had contacted the County who just hired a new person Kyle Swetz he was working with us and tried reaching out to them also. He had no luck. The only comment he got passed on to him. That County Waste was having problem getting people with the Covid and had additional routes on. We still do not have an answer for that. Last week some people stuff was gone, and some was not.
- b. County demolition properties. Mayor Zangari wanted to update parcel numbers. Some of the parcels had 48 which would be Mahanoy City that he did not catch. The four parcels they are submitting to purchase off repository. The grant money they'll receive are for 45-05-0060.000, 45-08-0075-001, 45-08-0075.000, and 45-08-0077-001. Solicitor said just to be clear the second one should be 45-08-0075.001 so adopt corrections. **Motion** to adopt the corrections to the four properties listed through the County for demolition was made by E. Burns, seconded by B. Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried.
- c. Advertise consideration adoption Ordinance 2021-2. Solicitor Day talked about adopting new Flood Plain Ordinance they are amending the old Ordinance and adopting as an entire new Ordinance to make sure we're complying with all we need too. Adopting will only change very few things. 1. Instead of Candice being Flood Plain Administrator the Secretary it will be appointed Flood Plain Administrator and Charlie the President would be the Flood Plain Administrator if the appointed Flood Plain Administrator is no longer available or quits or whatever. The other thing we are going to do is. Allow a variance for fill. It is going to be limited variance for fill. They would have to comply with the strict standards of a variance. Those are the only real two changes in the Ordinance according to the Solicitor. The prior Ordinance does keep effective up till the date this Ordinance is adopted. So, any violation, any restriction would still be in place and that will still be enforceable if something done up to the day of adoption. **Motion** to advertise Ordinance 2021-2 was made by F. McDonald, second by B. Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried.
- d. Borough/Fire Department about lot/other issues. C. Marquardt said they have been in contact with the Fire Dept, PEMA, and the Borough everyone is working together to get the issue at the Rangers Hose Company resolved. Once that is in place, they will have an update. Right now, it is in the Fire Company Engineer standpoint. Heath Ressler said he is waiting for the report. Marquardt asked if it would go to our Engineer from there. Mr. Ressler said he will get two copies from his understanding. He will keep one and get the other to Don Cuff. C. Marquardt said he will pass it on to the guy from PEMA and thank Heath.
- e. The Fire Chief had mention previously about the 911 addressing. C. Marquardt said that is progressing very well. Then they will have an update of what is done and what will be taken place. It will not change your address. It is strictly for the 91 centers. All the parks will have an address. Schuylkill Haven just completed theirs and we are the second.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Requisition No. 1 from our Engineer, new roof of the building approved amount \$210,883.00, the amount requested \$102,181.37 and new balance \$108,701.63. **Motion** to approve the Requisition No.1 approved contingent upon approval from USDA made by E. Burns, seconded by J. Kessler. Vote. All. Motion carried.
- b. Employee raise were to be given in January and never took effect. After J. Kessler reviewed it and the committee said down. Three full time employees and two of those employees will be given fifty cent per hour raise and one will be given a twenty-five cent per hour raise. **Motion** to approve raises effective immediately made by J. Kessler, seconded by B. Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried.
- c. Resignation letter Officer Denna Krammes. **Motion** to accept the resignation of Officer Krammes made by E. Burns, seconded by J. Kessler. Voted. All. Motion carried.
- d. Street Sweeper came in and E. Burns had talk to them. Come January they will make reservations with them to do it again come next year per C. Marquardt. They tried to get in May, but they were booked. Unless someone backs out. They hope to get it done again. If they had waited, they would not be able to get the Street cleaned until July. With the request of the citizens asking Council had moved forward after the last Council meeting otherwise it would not have been done until July. C. Marquardt put requests out to other locations, and everyone had been booked. They will go into January and apply again and see who can and what dates we can get for next year. E. Burns stated they went high and low trying to get someone to clean the Streets. They worked on it for a while and their name came up. C. Marquardt added they were highly recommended through PennDOT. They use them a lot, Stanley so they are why they got them.
- e. Helping Harvest Monday, April 19th from 11am to 1pm. Annetta Whitecavage said last month they did 63 families and said to please pass the word.
- f. Girardville Ambulance Service letter read from C. Marquardt. Girardville Ambulance Services is moving down to QRS Unit (quick response service) this means they can now go on an emergency call with only one person a EMT or EMR and treat the patient until an Ambulance arrives on the scene for transport. Girardville Ambulance did not merge with Ashland. Ashland did not take the Ambulance over and they are still their own entity. Ashland will be taking over Girardville's coverage area. Only transporting Ambulance will bill per call. There will not be two bills. Any questions call Louanne Olson Chief 45. C. Marquardt added that it is very unfortunate there is a lack of people to help out. The classes from his understanding to become an EMT is like \$1,500.00 out of your own pocket. They have he thinks three people running out of Girardville that are certified with the help of the Fire Companies on calls for the Borough. Louanne is not in the best of health to begin with, and we appreciate everything she has done, and she can do. In the meantime, you will get a packet with numbers to call or call the Borough and we will get you in touch with Louanne.
- g. Letter from Schuylkill County Affordable Housing Trust Fund Board. They are pleased to announce the 2021 funding ground for the Schuylkill County Affordable Housing Trust Fund up to \$208,184.00 in funding. It will be available for allocation to municipalities, non-profit agencies, and other service providers. Applications are available upon request. Complete applications to be received no later than Friday, May 07th 2021 by 4 p.m. Entire letter was read out by C. Marquardt.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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Street: E. Burns said the Street Sweeper did all the Borough Streets hope they did not miss any but if you take notice the town looks very good. They picked up over twenty some ton of dirt. That is how much dirt was in our Streets. Twenty some of dirt is equivalent to a triaxle.

C. Marquardt said we are also out doing some potholes, patches, and repairs. They are meeting with Aqua and the contractor about the Street that are currently finished with the Water Project and get them completely paved over. We are also working with the contractor to give us an idea on two other Streets in the Borough to see what it would cost to get the Streets done from side to side. They are waiting on all of them to get back to our Engineer and see what is on the contractor. Once we have more information on that we can proceed forward based on what the amounts come out to be.

C. Squires said Career Link reached out about the summer help. They do not have anybody but if you want to vote to go through with it. Just in case somebody does come. If you know any young people that would like summer work. Unfortunately, the young man that did the summer program will not be able to do it. He is going into the Service. They do not have anybody but if you still want to vote on this, we can still put the paperwork in. If somebody does become available, we can get them in touch with the Career Link in Pottsville. E. Burns thinks we should still go through this with Career Link. **Motion** to apply for Career Link for summer help program made by E. Burns, seconded by B. Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Personnel: C. Marquardt said it was discussed by members of Council to possibly through Memorial Day to Labor Day possibly getting a part-time person to help out with the Borough with grass or something like that. So, the guys can concentrate on quite a few storm boxes and a list of stuff we want to get accomplished this summer. We are looking into that with Joe with the finances and stuff like that. If we cannot get anybody from Career Link. We are waiting to see what the outcome of that can be. If we cannot find somebody at a decent hourly rate possibly twenty hours a week period, up to at least that. **Motion** to possibly hire somebody up to twenty hours a week from Memorial Day until Labor Day motion made by E. Burns, seconded by J. Kessler. Vote. All. Motion carried. C. Marquardt asked if we could figure an hourly amount for next meeting. J. Kessler said yeah.

GAMA refinancing the plant. E. Burns said they really do not have anything for the Financing through the plant they are waiting game. It is a slow start to a slow process.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comment made by the public.

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:** May 12, 2021, **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 Solicitor Arlen "Rick" Day.

Members absent: None.

Council went into an executive session at 7:37 p.m. concerning properties issues. They returned at 7:40 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA:

Paul Kowalick President of the Girardville Basketball. He wanted to apologize to Council. They talked about the gym roof and the project being done for the past few months. They were supposed to start June or July if lucky. The contracted called two weeks ago saying he had two-week window right now to do the job. Once school starts, they would be on a lot of school jobs and might not be able to get back to them. Plus, might not have the material. Paul made council aware of it, jumped at it, and said that they can start this job. Paul apologized again that they started early. The good news is that it is done. Completed already at no expense to the Borough. Mr. Kowalick knows he might have put people in a bad position by doing that. He wanted to open and starting the meeting by saying that. The gym had needed repairing. They put in \$1,300.00 into repairs just from keeping it leaking over the past three years. It was getting to the point beyond fixable patching. They tried to get grants etc. Senator Argall's Office was very good to them. They applied for a grant and was able to get that and achieve that. Then they could not get any money because of the pandemic. On their own they had a mission to get people to donate to a good cause. There was a lot of good people including people in this room that gave to the GBA \$43,000.00. When they got the proposal for the roof two years ago. \$41,000.00. that's when they needed a new deck, plywood, and all. When they did the punch job. When they did the punch test a few weeks ago, here the plywood was still good on the roof. Which was a shock to everybody. The first new proposal came back at \$33,000 and that is not putting plywood on like the original one. That's just ½ inch board down and O6O rubber on top of it. The other proposal they got was for over \$50,000. So, \$33,000 was from company in Shamokin that has been patching. They have been very good to them. That who is they went along with. Mr.

Kowalick went over everything they put in the gym and next is the heating system. Gym roof is now completely finished. The Borough will get everything that was done to it. More discussion of fixing the drains which Mike Soucheck was involved. Paul wanted to report and will answer any questions. C. Marquardt said job well done. E. Burns said to applaud him. Audience applauded Mr. Kowalick.

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: Total amount collected \$21,867.02. Motion to accept the report and pay the tax collector made by E. Burns, seconded by F. McDonald. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Tax Collector's report: Total amount collected \$33,836.35. 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: Read by Mayor Zangari. Motion to accept the report as submitted made by F. McDonald. seconded by J. Kessler. 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.

BILLS

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. K&B Recycling. Will be here on June 12th 9am to 1pm. Infront of old recycling center they will collect computers and appliances stuff like that. Open to the County. **Motion** to advertise to Service Electric and T102 for the event made by E. Burns, seconded by B. Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried.
- b. County demolition addressed by Mayor Michael Zangari. Attorney Day worked with the Repository. The checks will go out the end of this week, we should obtain those properties. Mayor is understanding the bid from Entech is already submitted to the County. They have the forms signed from the attached neighbor. Allowing us to go on his property and to side his property when it's done. Once obtained it should be accepted and the project will continue.

Edward Burns asked what the mayor just read off does that have anything to do with the ones that were just bid on? It was four homes. C. Marquardt said no. Mayor Zangari said that is separate. E. Burns then asked but that will come up right. C. Marquardt said it will be under new business.

- c. Recycling C. Marquardt working with the new person at the County. He is also having the same issues we are. He is pushing along to. Still waiting on information. Citizens still have not received letters. They are unbelievable to call. Talk maybe getting a different hauler in here. C. Marquardt said he does hope to have answers at the next meeting. Mayor Zangari said he did see a recycling garbage truck intown past week.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Schuylkill County Tax Claim Bureau Sales (4). Council discussed these issues. Motion to deny all sales and submit back to the County 9, 7, 21, 25 West Ogden Street. Mayor Zangari said they believe because they stopped 21 and 25 a month ago, they put the name under an LLC, but it is still coming under the same place. C. Marquardt said 122 West Ogden was bid by the people that we originally stopped. He added that they came back and bid on different properties, and we don't know if the person bidding on these other properties are associated with them or not. **Motion** to not proceed with 21, 122, 25, 7, 9 West Ogden Street made by E. Burns, seconded by B. Dempsey. On the question C. Squires asked if they needed the reason to deny these sales. Mayor Michael Zangari said you will have them in writing. Vote. All. Motion carried.
- b. Riding mower discussion (not the zero turn we have) the one we have is worn out. J. Kessler abstained from making the motion. **Motion** to pay \$500.00 for a riding lawn mower made by E. Burns, second by F. McDonald. Vote. All. Motion carried. C. Marquardt said the mower is from Dan Cress's son. He moved here from Bloomsburg and purchased it not to long ago. He bought a home in Girardville now and the mower was up for sale. They thought it was a good idea to get on board before they sold it to somebody else.
- c. Memorial Dedication Letters read by C. Marquardt. On behalf of the A.O.H. and American Legion request to approve and dedicate a memorial headstone for a former Girardville resident Corporal Patrick Monaghan. A congressional medal of honor during the Civil War he never received proper tombstone. A formal ceremony will be conducted on Route 54 on June 12, 2021, commencing at 11:30 am and ending at approximately 1:00 pm. Borough Officials are invited to participating in the honoring of a native son. The second request is seeking permission to detour traffic around the ceremony site. Along with blocking off Beech Street to Line Street for a after ceremony festivities including a Band concert by the Third Brigade Band of Pottsville. The public will be invited to attend the concert with the request they bring their own seating and refreshments. **Motion** to proceed with the two requests made by E. Burns, seconded by F. McDonald. Vote. All. Motion carried.
- d. Permission to put up Hometown Hero Banners May 22nd starting at 8am on Saturday. We'll put flags up at the same time. **Motion** to approve Banners and flags made by F. McDonald, seconded by B. Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried.
- e. Helping Harvest Food Truck on Monday, May 17th 11 am to 1 pm.
- f. Mayor is asking permission from Council to advertise and interview a part-time Police officer. **Motion** to approve Mayor request made by E. Burns, seconded by F. McDonald.

Vote. All. Motion carried. Mayor request deadline will be Friday, May 28th at close of business.

- g. Part-time per diem hourly rate worker to assist the guys to get other projects going. Basically, grass cutting stuff like that explained C. Marquardt. We need to advertise in the newspaper. Start this person from June 07th to September 10, 2021, as needed and if they need to help with the fall clean up. Council agreed to \$10.00 per hour rate. The maximum 20 hours per week. Deadline to apply for position will be May 28th by 3 o'clock. C. Marquardt asked the Street Committee to review and agree to hire the person prior to the council meeting if approved tonight's meeting. **Motion** to hire part-time as needed worker at \$10.00 Per hour rate with maximum of 20 hours per week from June 7th to September 10th including the annual fall clean up on an as needed position. Street committee interview and anyone else involved as the recommendation that they will be hired at start June the 7th. Prior to the next Council meeting. Advertise in the newspaper. Accept application with a deadline of May 28th made by E. Burns, seconded by B. Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried.
- h. June 05th Saturday Mayor is requesting a town-wide clean up. With approval the mayor will reach out to SKIP to see if we can get assistance with bags and stuff like that. Hours will be from 8-12 on Saturday morning. Sign up sheet will be here and garbage bags available here that morning. If you are not on the sign-up list your garbage will not be picked up. That is the effort to stop someone from putting out household garbage. With the approval from council at 12 o'clock our guys will go around and pick up only at the locations that sign-up. Then dispose of it properly Monday. Mayor believes this is the easiest way to take control from someone taking advantage of what should be a good thing. Weather permitting. **Motion** to approve the mayor's request for a town-wide clean up made by E. Burns, seconded by J. Kessler. Vote. All. Motion carried.
- i. Solicitor Day announced we have the new flood plain ordinance 2021-2. Replacing Girardville Ordinance 2014-2. Solicitor Day explained the ordinance. Any prior violation would be subjected to Ordinance 2014-2. Only changes to the original ordinance are that Candice, the Secretary is no longer the flood plain administrator. We will have an appointed flood plain administrator. The back up would be the Council President in case the flood plain administrator would not be available or would decline to act. The other part of it is. It is going to allow for fill with a variance and with the approval of DEP. So, you would have to get DEP approval and still be subjected to their standards. That is the difference in this ordinance. The reason we did it is because FEMA wanted everyone to update their ordinances. **Motion** to approve Ordinance 2021-2 flood plain was made by B. Dempsey, seconded by J. Kessler. Vote. All. Motion carried.
- j. C. Marquardt said when we have previously gone into executive session to discuss exactly what Paul Kowalick was talking about. Going forward Council, along with GBA, and talking with our Solicitor. We have come up to asking our Solicitor to draft something up on behalf of all the money and stuff the GBA has put into the gymnasium, a forty-year lease on the building. So that they can maintain and keep it going. The lease will be a dollar per year. It will be agreed by both parties if they need to terminate. If they do need to terminate for any reason both parties can whole heartedly agree and can be terminated. This gives the life expectancy. Hopefully, people would be using it. People coming forward after other people have gone. It continues to move forward with the hope that we can do something eventually with the rest of the school. For now, it will be solely on the gym. It has nothing to do with the rest of the school. Solicitor Arlen Day added the contribution towards the oil and the power would be as per past practice. **Motion** to allow Solicitor to draft it up and signed by Council and GBA made by E. Burns, seconded by J. Kessler. Vote. All. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Magazines.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Street: E. Burns gave an update on the water company and EK Services are back in town. They are starting from Julia Street. Heading down the Avenue West to the end of the house in Girardville Borough. When that is done, they will start on Julia Street going East up the Avenue. They will be here for quite a few months. Your best bet when they are working on the avenue try to keep off of it. Its going to be delayed big time. C. Marquardt added with the Streets they are coming in to pave what they already have dug up. We have worked out some agreements through our Engineer Don Cuff. Where they dug on Line Street that will be done curb to curb. Where they dug on Oak Street that will be done curb to curb. Where they dug on A Street that will be done curb to curb. Down on Ogden Street they will do quite a bit of section to it. But the section to the left if you are going down still in pretty good shape. So, they will stay to the other side of the manholes and straight down. They did say if we wanted to pay the additional amount to get that paved. We are still waiting on quotes just to see. Don felt too the road is in decent shape that they can blend that in. It is the same thing out here on Fourth Street. They are going to come from the top of the hill down to the municipal building. They will come over from the curb this side by the building over. They'll have a section. That is another one too, we'll look at that. Because they said they could give us an estimate on what it would cost for the additional to do that if need be. Based on what they did Don felt it was fair and reasonable. We are going to move forward with it. We have a bad stretch of road. We don't know what is going to cost but we'll try and get bids in the 300 block of Preston Avenue. The one way coming up. We know the road is bad. We're trying to do temporarily patches down there. We all looked at and the Engineer. It is in rough shape and will probably need to be milled and paved. We're waiting to see what paving contractor and including E&K have to say. Hopefully, we can get something done with that stretch of road. Solicitor Day asked if they are going to approve the additional for the curb if they decide to do it. C. Marquardt said they don't have to do it this meeting because he doesn't believe they'll be here by the next meeting. They can wait and get some feelers and wait to get the additional from other people too. If we do not want to particularly want to go with them.

Police: Mayor Zangari would like approval to purchase a digital camera and separate digital video camera for police activities, investigations, etc. Not to exceed \$300.00 without further approval. **Motion** to allow request purchase digital camera and video camera but not to exceed \$300.00 made by E. Burns, seconded by B. Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Paul Kowalick wanted to thank the council for having the confidence in the GBA. So, the recreation can continue in honor of the Borough. Their intensions here for the long term. The long use in the gym for us. Possibly try to get air conditioning in there. Then we can do summertime soccer, summer basketball. The kids got cheated last year with this pandemic. They are trying to come up with ways to make it up to specifically the 8th graders who would have

graduated last year. They got cheated out of that year. They are trying to make that gym the way Senator Rhoades would have wanted years ago. Mr. Kowalick said he failed to mention when he was up there, he did receive the proper permits to do that job on the roof. He knows he probably was rushing things up there. The certificate of insurance from the company was sent to the Borough and everything was in order. He knows he failed to mention that. C. Marquardt said yes, we did receive everything. C. Marquardt and E. Burns that Mr. Kowalick who also thanked them again.

Joseph Catizone asked why the street sweeper didn't come down West Mahanoy Avenue. Then asked and since when do we clean the gutters out on East Mahanoy Avenue the Borough. Because when he was on Council that was always a state road. He seen our truck up there cleaning out gutters. He can't do it no more down at his house because he had a stroke. E. Burns said it was so thick and so much of it they had to do something. He did not know why they skipped him down there for the street sweeper. Ms. Catizone said it was only two blocks. C. Squires mentioned it was because of the trees were too grown in for the machine. E. Burns said if they are any trees sticking out, they won't even go near it, the company. On his side it should have been something to look into it. He apologized. J. Catizone said it's alright he cannot do it himself anymore. C. Marquardt then said they did complain about the trees. They did contact and we're trying to get the trees trimmed back on both sides of the road there and out by the y. J. Catizone said and up by cemetery are overgrown if a tractor trailer hits them. Mrs. Catizone said there are two storm drains right up from us and had to clean them out last week. J. Catizone said what happens is the water comes up to the front porch right up to his front door. Mrs. Catizone said there is a gutter there, but the state put a divider in on the other side and would not touch the one on our side. Mr. Catizone said the one on our side belongs to the Borough and the one on that side is there. Why he does not know.

Mrs. Catizone said since the weather is nice. She likes to go out and walk with the grandson. He is handicap and she has to have him in a stroller. Joe uses the scooter. There on Ogden Street you can't even walk on the pavement. It's a disgrace. E. Burns said the pavement itself are. Mrs. Catizone said its not the pavement it's the junk on the pavement. She asked would you like to see them. E. Burns said pass it down from the Chief. She showed pictures she had on her phone. Chief Lahovski said this looks like a four-wheeler. She agreed it was. Mayor Zangari said there is a few properties down there including the lad that enclosed his porched, un-enclosed his porch. They were definitely cited. Dan Cress said he knew where they were talking about with the four-wheeler.

Resident Gary Romanot spoke out and said Jean Ann was at his house asking about Rita's dad's property 132. Whether it was a driveway or not. It was always a driveway. The guy next door will not move his jeep until the guy at 132 fixes his roof which has nothing to do with the driveway. He is the one that has the four-wheeler on the sidewalk.

Mrs. Catizone was talking about having to go on the road because of the junk on the pavement.

Another resident asked a question but too many residents were talking at the same time.

Mayor Zangari wanted to mention, and he apologized. The hearing for 132 Main Street down a side of the Manbeck property the lad that wants to put in a bakery. His hearing is at the end of

this month, and he did sign for the notice of violation for the garage and deterioration of the building. He is aware there is a hearing. When the citation went out months ago, he actually convinced the local magistrate to give him six months. Because he had to go out of the Country for some family issue. Due to covid they granted it. The mayor's understanding, he is not getting a second extension due to that type of situation.

Mayor said that there was also another letter issued for notice of violation for the property over a side of the Immaculate Heart building but from his understanding the owner of that property is currently serving in the military deployed. From their understanding and if anyone knows differently to please contact the code office. There is also a letter going to that gentleman as well. So, if there were questions on that. Mayor knows that was a hot topic the past few weeks. There have been letters issued and there are hearings coming up shortly. Mayor said sorry he knows it was off but wanted to make sure that it was in the minutes.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** June 09, 2021 **TIME:** 7:30 PM

OPEN MEETING

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Frederick McDonald.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Brian Dempsey, Joseph Kessler, Mayor Michael Zangari, Frederick McDonald, and Solicitor Arlen Day.

Members absent: Charles Marquardt and Edward Burns.

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

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

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

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

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

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

Code Enforcement report: Ready by Mayor Michael Zangari. Motion to accept the report as submitted made by B. Dempsey, seconded by J. Kessler. Vote. All. Motion carried.

BILLS

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Recycling County Waste. Still haven't heard anything from County Waste on recycling.
- b. K&B recycling event on June 12th from 9 to 2. That will be over here.
- c. Part-time worker one application. F. McDonald asked if they were set up for an interview. J. Kessler asked if this guy is only 16? F. McDonald said under 18. J. Kessler said he can't run machinery and will need constant supervision. Mayor Zangari said so he is not eligible. **Motion** to extend application time until position filled made by B. Dempsey, seconded by J. Kessler. Vote. All. Motion carried.
- d. Part-time Police Officer. Mayor Zangari said they only had one gentleman that reached out. As talking to him it just was not going to work on what we were looking for and he decided not to put an application in. **Motion** to extend application time until position filled made by B. Dempsey, seconded by J. Kessler. Vote. All. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Garage door quote from Independent Dock & Door. \$3,875.00. F. McDonald said to table until others are here.
- b. Schuylkill County Tax Claim sales. 136 West Main bidders are Global construction. Mayor Zangari said the bidders were stopped from multiple properties previously due to many concerns. We continue to get them. Is there something we can send to the County stating any properties purchased by this corporation is going to be denied. Or do we need to continue doing them individually. Solicitor Day said yes you have to do them individually. They are submitted into them then goes to you. Mayor Zangari recommendation to deny them per previous information discussed. Then again attached that back to it and send it back in. They did all the back round work on this company already. Solicitor Day said the same thing is going on everywhere. He just had a meeting at another place and it's the same thing. More discussion on the companies using different LLC but under the same person. **Motion** to deny 136 W. Main made by B. Dempsey, seconded by J. Kessler. Vote. All. Motion carried. 241 W. Main, 239 W. Main St, 101 N. Richard Street bidder Girardville Borough. **Motion** to accept the bids on all three properties made by B. Dempsey, seconded by J. Kessler. Vote. All. Motion carried. Solicitor Day followed up on the owner consent form for 239 property the property was already submitted to Economic Development they are trying to push through the demolition now so that we get that approved quick too. Mayor Zangari added that it is four structures. 241 and 241 A are on the same deed. That's why there are only three repository bids, but it is four buildings total. Solicitor Day added to be clear the demolition is for four buildings.
- c. Helping Harvest Food truck will be back June 21st from 11 am to 1pm.
- d. Town wide yard sale August 07th 2021 from 8am to 2pm. Sign-up sheet at the Borough Hall. Mayor asked if there will be a map again. Council will discuss if they want to do a map and other details.
- e. Helping Harvest request to continue from June to December 2021 for the third Monday of each month from 11am to 1pm. **Motion** to approve Helping Harvest request made by B. Dempsey, seconded by J. Kessler. Vote. All. Motion carried.
- f. Silver Street. Tabled. Mary Beth Dougherty said it must be a drain. Mayor asked Silver and Main. Mary Beth Dougherty did say by Mike Leonhardt. Daniel Cress said new box has to be put in.

- g. Request to host Annual Fall Clean up. Letter from Office of Solid waste Resource Management read by F. McDonald. **Motion** to accept the request to hold annual fall clean up made by B. Dempsey, seconded by J. Kessler. Vote. All. Motion carried.
- h. Free Lunch program will be available Monday through Friday from 11am to 12pm. At the B Street playground. Start date is June 09th thru August 18th No lunch available July 02nd or July 05th all lunch must be consumed at the park and can not be taken home. **Motion** to approve free lunch program and use of the B Street playground made by B. Dempsey, seconded by J. Kessler. Vote. All. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Letter flyers and magazines.
- b. Mayor Zangari said we got a letter from the Commonwealth that was addressed to Charlie. Signed by President Biden. The American Rescue Plan Act 2021 read by Mayor Michael Zangari. Girardville Borough is entitled to maximum amount of allocation up to \$150,723.66 federal funding. We must take action to request it. Mayor asked approval to submit for this and see what and if we can get funding through this program. He was talking to Mary Beth about it. We would have to go on to the DCED website. Which would push us to a portal to file an application. Then go through the application process to see if we are eligible for reimbursement or funding. Solicitor Day said he knows its premium pay for essential workers and also to invest in water/sewer. **Motion** to allow the mayor to file and submit the application made by J. Kessler, seconded by B. Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police: Mayor Michael Zangari said we did purchase a digital camera and it also takes HD video. We also purchased the SD card for it and the protective case totaling \$278.29. The motion at last meeting was not to exceed \$300.00. Those bills were submitted to Candice. It's logged in our category and is operational.

Solicitor: Attorney Arlen R. "Rick" Day said if you noticed the Antz Energy bill, the generator. He agreed to reduce that down to \$466. We discussed this at previous meetings. Parts were put on that didn't fix it. Solicitor did talk to him, and he actually cut it down less then he thought he would which is why the bill is \$466.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Joseph Maucaillia address council about his building. He said next to his building is collapsing for past ten years and finally collapsed about 80%. Maucaillia building is 132 West Main Street. Mr. Maucaillia said he went to court the past week the 28th. The same day after court he came here to request building permit application. The Fire Chief Frank was here. Last week on June 1st meeting with Permit Officer at 9:45. She was here, and her witness was Mr. Daniel Cress. Maucaillia ask her for an application for a permit. According to Mr. Maucaillia she said she would not give an application. So, she refuses completely. He asked what he can do know. She said she needs a letter from an Engineer. In court the previous week he said the Judge gave him an opportunity to find an Engineer and an Architect. Mr. Killian the inspector was there. The Fire Chief Mr. Frank was there. That was the reason I came over here and she didn't

give me any application. At this time, it is very critical my building is standing by itself. The other building came down and it left a gap open. My building since 2018 is being like this with holes in it. The only thing I ask to the council is permission which to put a tarp on holes of that part until I will submit the blueprints. I have an architect and I have an Engineer working on my building. I have to produce these documents to the inspector of job in order to be satisfied. At this time, it is an emergency because its open out of my building. Also, a tree on the rear area is damaging been damaging for many years and now damaging the rear area of my building. I have a few pictures if you don't mind, I can show you. Bring to your attention. Mr. Maucaillia showed council the pictures of the tree back of building damaging and roof. Mayor Zangari said there is no roof left on this building. Mr. Maucaillia said its partially there. Mayor said its not there. Solicitor Day said before you go any further. You have to make it safe to enter the premise and to make it safe you have to get the Engineering report. So, before you do anything that's what you have to do. The borough can't approve you doing something other than what you were told you had to do. That is what you have to do. You have to get the information, and the Engineering report, and you have to get all that together before you even enter that property. So, the borough doesn't have the authority to even say you can enter a property. You were told you can not enter without being safe to do so. So, you're asking the borough to take action. They don't have the authority take. Mr. Maucaillia said so there is a UCC. I have been looking for the office of the Uniform Construction Code. I went to Harrisburg. I spoke to some person they don't know the authority. I think the last time I was here you had representatives of the UCC am I right or wrong Sir. Solicitor said no. Mr. Maucaillia said someone else was here the last time I came here. Anyway, I have to keep searching for the UCC. I do understand that the UCC means Uniform Construction Code. The only thing I have here is from I spoke to someone else her name is Jennifer from Harrisburg. Who said the only ones who can do this. They work with you; they will have to work with you. They will be Girardville or Pottsville which is the Schuylkill County Zone area. I said fine. So, I tried to work with the Zoning permit in August. I submitted a blueprint. Solicitor Day asked, it wasn't approved by an Engineer correct. Maucaillia said right. Solicitor Day responded. That is what you have to do. So, you come here asking the borough to approve something they can't approve. That is what I'm trying to tell you. If your required to get an Engineer and take care of that so it is safe to enter. They can't change that. Mr. Maucaillia said ok fine. Solicitor Day responded. You are trying to circumvent it. You're putting a drawing on there I believe you drew right. Joseph Maucaillia said he did right. Solicitor Day said but you were told you can't do that you need an Engineer. Maucaillia said he understands. Solicitor Day said as long as you understand. Maucaillia said he use to be an Engineering overseas and then anyways. I have one here an Engineer he is start the drawings I guess maybe by next week. Solicitor Day said to make sure that he is certified Engineer because if he is not certified they are not going to accept it. Mr. Maucaillia said he is certified from PA from the Buffalo or near it. Solicitor Day said you can't take any action and they can't let you take any action until you get that done. Mr. Maucaillia said fine thanks very much but usually like I say it's an emergency so they could at least let place a tarp. Solicitor Day said no. Maucaillia went on saying so this way water is not going to damage. Solicitor Day said again like I said they don't have the authority to do that. So, you're asking them to do something they can't do. Maucaillia said ha so I should have it ready for next meeting. I should produce already every month I think is a meeting. Solicitor said about the hearing in court. Mayor said he has a hearing July 1st and has to produce this to the Judge by July 1st. Maucaillia said he will submit to Girardville. Solicitor Day did say you can't submit anything. There is nothing to submit. They can't do anything previously. You have to present it to the Judge like they told you. That's what I'm trying to make clear. Mr. Maucaillia said yes, I will. Thanks very much.

Elaine Kelly addressed council. She said there's probably not a whole lot I'm going to say about catching up from 2019 to today. Why I'm here to complain or to ask questions about Mr. Killian the code officer. I have a question is he a certified code officer? Solicitor Day said I don't check every employee I'm the Solicitor. They ask me questions I answer them I don't know about staffing. Elaine Kelly then asked is he an employee of the borough? Solicitor Day responded like I said your asking me questions. Mrs. Kelly said she is referring it to anybody on council. Mayor said he is a per-diem employee. He believes he is paid \$150.00 per week. Mrs. Kelly responded so he is salaried. Then asked on average how many hours does he work on behalf of the Borough in a year. Mayor said varies. Elaine Kelly asked who does he reply to or respond to? Does he consider anyone here a boss. Mayor said he go to a personnel committee. Ms. Kelly asked personnel committee is that part of the council? Mayor said correct it's made up of two councilmen. Ms. Kelly responded two councilmen who would that be? Mayor said he didn't have the list in front of him. He believes it is Edward and Charlie. Mrs. Kelly asked if Mr. Killian takes a vacation or there is a pressing matter, and he is not available. Who responds on his behalf in an urgent matter, or everything put on hold because only he would handle it, or does it go to the assistant? Mayor said that is a case-by-case situation. Depending on what happens. Mrs. Kelly then said Mr. Killian being a per-diem employee does he get an employee performance review done? When he started here, did he have a six-month probation period of performance. Or you know depending on how he responded to code complaints or how he actually followed through with them. Is there any kind of rating that he gets as an employee? Mayor Michael Zangari said we can't discuss personnel reviewing system with you. Mrs. Kelly is not asking what his review or rating is she is asking any employees employed by the borough do they get employee performance review done? Mayor said I can tell you from the code office we do sit down. Brian and I are on the code committee we do sit down to discuss where we are at where we are headed. The progress of what is currently doing on. If there is issues etc. etc. Mrs. Kelly asked when Mr. Killian received a complaint do you have on the job description for him your expectations of him on the job? Mayor said Mr. Killian does have a job description. Mrs. Kelly asked is that public for anyone to see what that job description would entail. Mayor said yeah. Solicitor Day said we have a written job description its available. And they would be happy to provide it to you if wanted to. Mrs. Kelly said she would like to look at that. Mrs. Kelly said when he is not here, I know he has a little office space over here. I'm not sure if he has any kind of set hours he's only per-diem. Then its going to be contact him by way of written complaint form. That he requested here in February 2020 that how he would proceed. If he does not receive daily phone calls here that he can pick a phone message up and respond to. How does he get correspondence? Solicitor Day responded we want to get to your point and find out what kind of problem you are having. So, if you just let the borough know what the problem is. Its probably easier to address it that way. Mrs. Kelly said I'll say what my point is. Just to get it on record because by now a lot of people know what my point problem is. I've been complaining since October of 2019 about a property at 14 E. Main Street. It has multiple quality of life ordinance violations. I've made multiple complaints to Mr. Killian by leaving phone messages that went unanswered. But when I finally did contact him and actually spoke directly to him. It was by contacting him in his Mahanoy City Office. After I contacted him twice there. Once because to complaint he hasn't been responding. And another time to find out what did he do. He finally did leave the right colored ticket on this property door. Then another day during the week I saw that envelope floating down in the wind. So, I had to try and come again and say I don't think they got that ticket. I don't think they are aware. After I had no resolve no satisfaction. I revert to contacting the Mayor and I had Frank Zangari and Dan Cress. We meet at the back of the property and showed what my concerns and complaints and issues were. Finally, February 2020 a citation was finally written by Mr. Killian. He did not hand deliver it to the Magistrate until June of 2020. There was a hearing last summer sometime and a follow up hearing October

of 2020. Mr. Killian was a no show. The charges were dropped. The property owner was found not guilty. I have been told anytime I'd enquire about the staff what are they doing why isn't he complying and having anything done to him. The owner of the property. I was just told these things take time. All the excuses I can list but regardless. May last month I checked on the Magistrate, the portal that I can look and see what's the statues of this case and I couldn't find this person's name listed as it pertained to that complaint. So, I came to the borough hall, and I asked the secretary would you know why its not on there. She told me to refer all of my questions to Mr. Killian. Who doesn't answer his phone. So, I drove up to the Magistrate myself and there was no one in there that day. The two administrators staff members. They took all the time in the world that I wanted or needed to answer questions about the statues of this case. They showed me a stapled packet of letters, certified letters, what the last hearing was about, and they said it was Mr. Killian who dropped the ball by being a no show. And there was no follow up and nothing else being done. So, I wasted almost a year and a half waiting and being patient and understanding. And no further action was done by that neighbor with the eye sore property. So, every single day from May 14th I have submitted written complaint from Mr. Killian to address. I have not gotten as much as a phone call a letter nothing. Nothing to acknowledge, this is a year and a half of waiting for something to be done and he's done nothing. I also on May 27th I wrote a letter to Mr. Killian and or Mr. Zangari and or Mr. Cress I'm looking for a list of the active cases in this town. Because I don't have any trust or belief that its going to get done. If there is no follow through no one to consider his boss or someone to over see what he is actually doing. How is he responding to complaints unless there is somebody like me who is following up and being relentless. People probably sit and well I did what I was supposed to do and they're telling me its going to take time. How long does it have to take? Mayor Zangari asked the items in this neighbors yard you are complaining about who put those items there? Mrs. Kelly said oh we're going to go there. Mayor response I'm asking. Mrs. Kelly said oh well, he put some and I as I kept extending the deadline when I wanted to put that fence up. I bought that property August 10th and that man gave every excuse under the book why he couldn't unload this garage on this property. Mayor asked to please tell us that man, so they know. Elaine Kelly went on to say his name Mr. Yawornicky, Peter Yawornicky. She then said I keep given him the curtesy of an extension of another week another week. I kept telling the man who wanted to install the fence. I'm waiting for them to empty their garage because I didn't want to have to pay for all the junk that was in it. I ended up doing that. So, one day he had Leo Cress and Jerry Roche and a cousin on a motorcycle down there helping him. I wanted to check on it was my property by this time. Peter was sorting screws into coleslaw containers. One guy was changing a tire on his car, on his four-wheeler. Then the other one person I had cutting trees down, until this one climbed out from under the tarps when we got here at seven in the morning. They were just doing it to bother me, I think. So, when it came time. I kept on asking this neighbor can you come back outside with me and confirm if I put the fence here is there going to be any issues. Is there going to be any problems. He would not cooperate whatsoever. So, I got the church to come over and verify where do you think your property starts. I got my tape, I got cords, I got whatever I needed like a surveyor would do. Counted the feet put my own spikes in. Told Peter here is where the fence is going. I ended given him an extra six to eight inches because I didn't want to dig up his dead dog or rip up a lilac bush. So, my curtesy was for nothing because every day that I say could you please help, could I help you, could I help you move this stuff. So, when I saw the stuff, he was taking like ripped liners from swimming pools. I thought he's a hoarder. He values junk and garbage. So, I started taking stuff out and I lined it out on the imaginary line thinking alright. I'll line it up like we're at a department store pick and choose what you want. Then you know what. I got the C word I got called the B word. I got called names. Names are not supposed to hurt you but at this point, I thought, I fucking look like an idiot a total jerk. One day I got so mad I went like this, and I started pushing the stuff over the line that I had lined up. So, yeah, I put it there

and you know what I got the fence installed the day before Thanksgiving of 2019. The day before Thanksgiving that's how long I pushed it off. Well then, I find out that he has me on a recorded video that I put that junk there. Yeah, no I put his valuable stuff over the line as curtesy the following summer I paid to have three dumpsters removed from the remainder of the stuff from the garage and its still packed. I paid two guys three hundred dollars for every dumpster they filled. I put money out left and right. Peter never came out and said where are you going with that stuff, I need that I want that nothing. Mayor Zangari said you own the garage correct. Mrs. Kelly said I bought the garage yes. Mayor Zangari said you purchased it for taxes correct. Mrs. Kelly said yep, a hundred dollars on the repository list. Mayor said to correct him if he is wrong. So, in the eyes of, in legality purposes you own the contents within that structure correct responsible. Chief Lahovski said unless somebody makes a claim that it's abandon property at the courthouse. Mayor said so the point I am getting at from the standpoint. The items within that structure you became responsible for the proper disposal of. Mrs. Kelly then asked so on his property do I have the responsibility to take it. Mayor said you have no legal right to enter the property. Mrs. Kelly said right it's his stuff. Mayor said the point I am getting at you put the items there. Mrs. Kelly said no not all of it, not all of it. Mayor said I get that, but you put stuff there, you called the borough hall, you filed a complaint about the items in the yard, and you expected us as a municipality to go back after this gentleman who did not put all of the items there and I will say all. Then and this is not an excuse but the hearing in October we never received notification for. So, you are aware because we never did because we do not miss court hearings. Mrs. Kelly replied you say we Mr. Killian said he didn't get it. Mayor said I said we because that's a municipality. As a municipality. When you filed your next complaint in May I believe it was May 13th there was two citations issued. We are now waiting for a court date. We can't do anything in between. We filed the citations we are not going to file citations every single day. So, you can continue to put complaints in for the same problem but there is already citations filed with the Magistrate. That you can confirm to appear on the portal as of I believe the 21st of May. Mrs. Kelly said that Mr. Killian told me anytime something changes if Mr. Yawornicky moves any more junk to the property that was different than the complaint originally for, he gets another ticket another citation. For me to be here saying the here say stuff that's not real critical. But now that the Officer is here, I asked him one time to please go and write a ticket because of those gas cans that he has lined up against the fence. Chief Lahovski said no that is not what you talked about. Mrs. Kelly said it most certainly was. That has been my primary concern with. Chief Lahovski said that's certainly not. Mrs. Kelly said ok what are you denying that I didn't address it. Chief Lahovski said you made a demand that I go down there. That I didn't do certain things then I told you I'm not going down there. Mrs. Kelly said yes you wouldn't do it and then he wanted me to have a surveyor report to prove that the stuff on Mr. Yawornicky's side of the fence was his property. That it was his property not my tanks of gas on their property. Like that is the most bizarre. Solicitor Day said actually it's not bizarre it happens all the time. For him to prove that it is on your property or his property he needs proof, and a surveyor is proof. You are saying it's your property is not proof unfortunately. I think it sucks myself but that is the reality and I have delt with it many of times. I have delt with it in civil cases that I filed. I have to tell my client I have one now the guys planting trees and growing up against the house. He is putting car parts on the fence, and I told my client you got to get me something that is showing that is your property. A deed is not significant. I can tell you if we go to District Justice Plachko and say that's my property that's not going to be sufficient. He wants proof its your property. Elaine Kelly responded so it sounds like the excuse is for Mr. Killian is because I put some stuff there but everything else that Mr. Yawornicky puts there helped what will be come of that. Mayor Zangari said that's up for the court to decide. Solicitor Day told her what would be a good idea is find out the court date and be there. Elaine Kelly said she asked to be a witness. Repeated I asked. Mayor Zangari said to Mrs. Kelly you are on the new citation. Your name is on it. So, you

should receive a subpoena for court. Elaine Kelly said we're awaiting plea. Solicitor Day asked are you reading online? Elaine Kelly said yep. Solicitor Day said don't, awaiting plea means nothing. That's on everything that's filed. Look at the court dates. Pay attention to the court dates. Elaine Kelly said there is no court dates because they are waiting for plea on him. His daughter spoke to my daughter and said he was afraid to go up to the Magistrate to do anything because he thinks he is going to be cuffed and hauled to jail. He has an outstanding ticket for two years for a summary offense and doesn't realize it's gone away probably but it's still on the portal. He's not going to jail for a ticket and he's not going to jail for this. Solicitor Day said they still have to give him a court date. Mayor Zangari said it doesn't matter if he goes up there or not, he's going to get in the mail your hearing day is XYZ date and time. Elaine Kelly jumped in and said I'm telling ya he hasn't gotten a court date and if I'm a witness when am I going to get that court date. The first time he appears or. Chief Lahovski said I don't mean to interject or step out of line here. In the court system when it's a waiting plea. It means he hasn't actually responded to the ticket yet. It does happen and it will be in that abyss. They are what you would call day warrants. They'll go inactive at one point. He'll have or the person would have a daytime bench warrant. The Judge will only deal with that during the daytime. Then it's the constable responsibility to pick that person up. It is short coming in the system but it's the judicial system. It's not the borough law enforcement system. I hear what you're saying but it's not something that we can control. But you are correct he probably has not gone here. Elaine Kelly said he has not responded and then if he doesn't respond then they'll send him a certified mail and then there's that timeline. Then if he doesn't respond to his certified mail after so many attempts. Then the warrant goes out. Even when the constable shows up, he could refuse to come out and he doesn't have to comply and there is no recourse. Mayor Zangari asked do you see our struggle as a municipality. Elaine Kelly said I see struggle because you don't have certified code officers. I think that is part of the problem. Mayor Zangari said the only thing he can say on Mr. Killian's behalf, personally I am very impressed on what he does, and I apologize if you had a short coming with him. But he has gone above and beyond for this Borough in my opinion. Saturdays Sundays in the middle of the night if we need him, he's there for us. Elaine Kelly said well he's not there for me and he gets a totally different rating. And I can tell ya other people that are quite discussed with this town and with the inaction and with the finger pointing and blaming why things are not getting done. On B Street. So, if I found out that I know longer really need to make a formal complaint because it's not going to be answered anyway. If I come down and say I'm going to the magistrate with my own citizen report or complaint. And I'm going to complain about every time I drive down B Street, I'm sick of looking at that hot tub up on its side and I'm sick of a lot things in this town. Why am I as a citizen supposed to be the one concerned? Why is there code officers' times three or councilmembers or police not looking at the same disaster or liability. Like kids are out of school now and you don't think they're going to hang on that thing walking down to the park someday? I just don't get it. I don't get it. And because this property that I've consistently complained about for a year and a half. Because it's not next to your house, your house, or Killian's house I bet it would be a whole different ball game. And that fact that I was a nice neighbor by helping him and offering to help and then by finding I screwed myself doing that. I should have paid for another dumpster. When Sherry said if I took that property, or he's cement mixer and everything else if would put him six feet under. Jerry Roche crawled out from under the tarp and said please Elaine don't take his stuff he's going to put a bullet to his head. That's the kind of stuff, manipulation tactics that I complied with for fear that oh god how do you sleep with that over a junk yard. And now I'm going to lose a case because I took their stuff over on their property. Not all of it again. I hauled three dumpsters and I got receipts. Thank you.

Mary Beth Dougherty 355 West Main Street. Ms. Dougherty has an issue down on her block. One thing she said one suggestion after following up on code committee after hearing that the code officer never received the hearing notice in the mail. She said I don't know if you know what a tickler file is, but I think it would make good sense that people that are police officers and our code enforcement office. They know they write citations. They have to know a hearing's going to be coming up. So, I think it would make logical sense to follow up if you're not getting something in the mail. To follow up with the DJ's office and make sure we are not missing it. Cause obviously this turned into a big to do up on Main Street. Just getting to my question down in our block 363 West Main it's a rental. The property owner is out of town next to Billy Gower. He cut down there was this hedge that was growing sky high over the years. Last year he finally cut the hedge down. He left all the brush I just noticed it in the past week. All the brush in the yard. Which is now all dried out and is laying there. I'm just, I'm concerned that the goofballs that live up on Preston Avenue behind us let's anybody come and go along up and down throws a cigarette butt its going to be whoosh and it's just going to go up in flame. So, I just wanted to ask if somebody could check that out and get it on public record that I made the request just for somebody to check into it. Thank you. Dan Cress asked Mary Beth to do a favor and believe him, he hears what she is saying. He asks everybody when he does this, he goes out to look at things. The form out there and asked if she would fill it out so he has it. Mary Beth did say she doesn't usually. Dan said he would prefer and asked her could she fill it out, so he has it. Ms. Dougherty said ok. Dan said that why I have it and I will go down and look at it. He has not problem to go down look at it and knock on the door.

Motion to adjourn made by J. Kessler, seconded by B. Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** July 14, 2021 **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 Solicitor Arlen Day.

Members absent: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA: Mary Beth Dougherty asked about Lavery Law on the bill list. Solicitor Day said anytime a lawsuit is filed involving a Borough employee or the Borough. The insurance company or liability insurance company has to pick the person who is going to take care of it the attorney. We have a deductible that we have to pay as part of it. That's the deductible for one case and I believe there were two. Solicitor Day said it was his understanding tonight that one was resolved already. There is another one pending. He would have done one cheaper than that.

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 both tax reports 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 B. Dempsey. 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 Permit report.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Silver Street water pipe drainage problems. The engineer looked at and we just don't have the manpower and stuff needed to do the job and revert the water if needed. Looks like a 24" pipe or two that would need to be replaced. We got two different prices. One is from A One Services for \$5,066.22. C. Marquardt explained all the details of price. E & K Services gave two options. Option 1 Marquardt explain details and with only one 24" pipe the cost \$27,387.81. Option 2 Marquardt explained and with two 24" pipes the cost \$36,348.93. E. Burns said they don't know how these prices could be different. They were with them and showed them, what was read. It's the same amount of work A One will be doing as EK. He doesn't know where EK is at. **Motion** to approve A One Service to get this done as low bidder \$5,066.22 was made by E. Burns, seconded by J. Kessler. Vote. All. Motion carried. C. Marquardt added when we dig this up, we will be in contact with PennDOT they will flush from the other side across the highway. So, anything in those pipes. They have a flush truck to get it flushed right to the creek.
- b. Girardville Community yard sale will be held Saturday, August 07th from 8am to 2pm. Flyers will be going up. There is a registration at the Borough if you register the mayor is going to provide a map for anyone coming into town that wants to go will have the locations on the map. Mayor asked to sign-up by July 30th, so maps are available the following week.
- c. Garage door needed repairs it's the original door on the building since the building was built and it is in ruff shape. Independent Door gave a price quote to install a new door. C. Marquardt read out details. **Motion** to accept Independence door at \$3,087.00 made by E. Burns, seconded by F. McDonald. Vote. All. Motion carried.
- d. K&B Recycling sent back a report on the electronic recycling they picked up which was listed by pallets a total of pallet 9. C. Marquardt read off report. They are willing to come back and do the event again. Maybe for the fall clean up.
- e. Part-time Police Officer. Mayor Zangari said they interviewed Michael Weaver on Sunday evening and they would like to propose him to be hired. Starting rate would be \$16.00 and he would have a 90-day review with a 90-day probationary period that would come back to council. **Motion** to hire Michael Weaver as part-time police officer at \$16 per hour made by E. Burns, seconded by J. Kessler. Vote. All. Motion carried. On the question J. Kessler asked if he had any experience. Mayor said yes there is a full packet. They did a full background check on the gentlemen. He has been a police officer approximately five years. He comes highly recommended. He is currently a full-time officer at the Tamaqua Police Dept. He has a clean back round, clean driving history, and we even got his credit history from Chief Lahovski back round check. Everything looked good. Everyone was able to talk to him. Mayor Zangari believes he will be a good fit. Lahovski did work with him at Rush Township and also Tamaqua. Chief Lahovski said

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- he is a soiled performer and knows how to treat people. Knows when to step on the gas and knows when to step off. He is polite young man. Very confident.
- f. Part-time Street Department applicant for summer helper. Devin Robert McClintock 221 A Street. Street Committee has to sit down with him and make sure all the stuff required he can do he is only seventeen. Street Committee will review with him.
 - g. Mayor Zangari update on demolition project. He met with Entech Engineering about two weeks ago. They went down to 239 West Main they had to do a full report on what it would take them to shore up 237's wall after the three houses is demolished. It is the last step before the bids. They were able to gain access through them. It is a joint wall. His studies are going to show we're actually going to have to put a cinder block wall at the bottom. Everything right now is just wood with slots. Then come with a half roof to this wall. It will be insulated fiberboard plywood and siding. He was able to get all the information for that and it was submitted to the county. Now once they are able to compile their bid profile. They will send it out for bid, and we will be notified the lowest bidder. We were told by Entech the reason they spend all this time doing this. Is because bids are a lot more persist and they have a good idea on what they are going into. Rather than we have guys bidding with very large numbers because they don't know if it's a joint wall or what's going to be all entailed. The 101 North Richard Street the municipality is going to submit to the flood plain coordinator for a demolition permit through the flood plain. So however, we need to go about that Arlen we're going to need to do that prior before demolition starting. Mayor does believe the other three should be ok but would verify it.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Ark Contracting LLC Extension for the roof on the building. C. Marquardt said there is a change order that is going to be put in place. It's looking like we won't get the roof until sometime in October. There is a problem with installation or a problem on the roof that they can't get. It's all over the county from what Don our Engineer told us and he had checked. The person that is doing it they need to get some certification to satisfy CBDG. Once they have the verifications into them and get the go ahead with the installation that they can get it. He is looking to getting it done sometime in November. Originally it was scheduled for completion July 06th 2021 and ready for final payment August 05, 2021. Now it looks like completion October 22, 2021, and final payment November 02, 2021. Don is working with this outfit and so is CBDG.
- b. Resolution 2021-2 CDBG South William Street Storm water improvement. Resolution read out by C. Marquardt. **Motion** to approve Resolution 2021-2 made by F. McDonald, seconded by B. Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried.
- c. Letter of resignation read out by C. Marquardt from Michael Soucheck. Last day of work July 16, 2021. C. Marquardt added Mike did talk to Eddie and he would be willing to work part-time for the Borough as needed in the winter. The job he is doing is mostly in the summer. He is willing to come on if he can and cutting grass if need be. He is moving on to different opportunity. He is looking for retirement more money and stuff like that. We wish him the best of luck. He was a big asset to the Borough, and we are certainly going to miss him. **Motion** to accept Mike's resignation made by F. McDonald, seconded by J. Kessler. Vote. All. Motion carried.
- d. Motion to put Mike Soucheck in part-time as needed made by E. Burns. J. Kessler asked do we have to advertise. Solicitor Day said the way he understood this is he is resigning his full-time position but available for part-time work. C. Squires said it was out there

already. J. Kessler asked if it was the same hourly rate as he gets now. E. Burns said we'll go back. Solicitor Day said he would get paid the same as a part-time position. E. Burns said he was getting as a supervisor position, and he would get what the other labors get. E. Burns asked what Jimmy gets. C. Squires said I don't think you were doing it off Jimmy's that you were doing 10 dollars per hour. Mayor added that is what you were advertising ten dollars per hour. E. Burns said whatever you were advertising. Solicitor Day agreed, if he wants to do it that what's paid. **Motion** to hire at \$10 per hour part-time as needed was made by E. Burns, seconded by J. Kessler. Vote. All. Motion carried.

- e. E. Burns said we were looking for a part-time now for a couple of days. He has somebody coming tomorrow to fill one out he couldn't make it in today. Can we go back so we don't have to wait until next meeting. Solicitor Day said we extended last meeting. C. Squires said until position was filled but didn't you just fill it with Mike. E. Burns said this is another one. We can hire more than one because it's not full-time. C. Squires suggested to take Mike's off the table and bring that other guy in. E. Burns did not want to do that because he didn't come in and fill the form in, yet he says he is coming in tomorrow. Mayor asked can you make a motion pending a background check and fill out paperwork. If it all comes back, go to go then they can make a decision to hire them. That way you won't have to wait until August. Solicitor Day said we just voted to allow our guy who is going full-time to part-time position. C. Squires said that position is only good until September. Solicitor Day asked did we vote to only hire for one-time part-time worker. Mayor believes it was only one. Someone answered yes from the public. Solicitor suggested to make a motion to have another position available. E. Burns said he doesn't want to lose this guy because he said he could give us a hand three maybe four days a week he is an adult. Solicitor Day said other option is to go over again on having the permanent guy get that part-time position and open it up again for him because you want to fill your full-time position. E. Burns said this guy will not be full-time. C. Marquardt said what we should do is pull Mike's back out and we advertise for a full-time position and in the meantime next council meeting or nights too we make a motion to extend the part-time because you have this kid here. E. Burns said to remember the kid will have to be supervised and supervised if he is running any kind of equipment. C. Marquardt said he know we have to explain, sit down, and go over all the details. We have an application here we'll talk to this kid and understand what he can and can not do. Based on the laws that tell us what he can and can't do. See if he fits what we are looking for. In the meantime, we just accepted Mike's resignation letter. He's moving on. We want to make a motion to advertise for a full-time Borough worker position. E. Burns asked we did that already. C. Marquardt said no. Solicitor said to replace him we need a motion to that. C. Marquardt added we should rescind the original motion of hiring Mike part-time. Put the motion on the floor to look for a full-time Street Department employee. Then also still looking for part-time borough employees as needed.
- f. **Motion** to rescind part-time hire of Mike Soucheck made by E. Burns, second by J. Kessler. Vote. All. Motion carried.
- g. **Motion** to advertise for a full-time Borough Street Department employee made by E. Burns, seconded by F. McDonald. Vote. All. Motion carried.
- h. **Motion** to hire part-time employees as needed made by E. Burns, seconded by B. Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried.
- i. Fall Clean Up. Dates for the week of September 13th, proposed dates/time based on previous years. Thursday, September 16th from 9-5. Friday, September 17th from 9-5. Saturday, September 18th from 9-1. **Motion** to accept dates/participate in this year's fall clean up made by F. McDonald, seconded by B. Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried.

- j. Roof Guarantee good for five years for the A Street School gym roof letter read by C. Marquardt.
- k. Grass cutting at sewer plant. E. Burns is looking for someone to cut the grass. He said PJ used to cut. The people now running the plant will not cut the grass. C. Squires said you mean the Borough employees and GAMA will reimburse. E. Burns asked if that is possible, he's not going to take them off anything grass cutting in the town is first. C. Marquardt asked so you would like permission from the Borough to allow the Borough workers to cut the grass as they can. Solicitor added with reimbursement. C. Marquardt said yea from the GAMA to the Borough. J. Kessler asked can we not restrict this to a Saturday or Sunday, so it doesn't interfere with the duties of the Street Department during the week. Mayor asked so they can do three o'clock when they get off in the evening correct. E. Burns agreed. Solicitor Day said I don't know about Sunday. J. Kessler it is the same idea. C. Marquardt said as so long as it's not during Borough working hours. Mayor asked do we have to pay them overtime. C. Squires said yes. Solicitor Day said yes, their working overtime. Mayor said if they are over the forty hours for the week, we'll have to pay 1 ½ times the rate. Solicitor GAMA is going to have to pay that rate. E. Burns said just until I come up with another idea. Solicitor Day said a part-time employee that would not apply but the full-time would. **Motion** to allow Borough workers to cut the grass and be reimbursed by GAMA on off hours made by F. McDonald, second by J. Kessler. Vote. All. Motion carried.
- l. Helping Harvest Food Truck July 19th from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Annetta Whitecavage said last month we serviced sixty-three people and the month before was eighty-three so we're hoping word gets out again and people start coming back.
- m. Mayor Michael Zangari was contacted by Crystal Smallwood who is the Director of the Help Net Ministries. Helping Hands in Ashland is under that umbrella. They left a bunch of brochures here and is on the table for anyone to look at. They are looking at expanding bring their mission to Girardville. They do all types of things. They are looking for a fixed facility not something they can come once a month. They are looking to put a theft store in Girardville. They are 501-C3, so everything donated to them is tax deductible. Mayor went on to say we did pass on some contacts for the municipality. If anyone knows of someone who has space that would accommodate a thrift store let us know we will pass along to them. Mayor has Crystal's contact information and would gladly share with anyone. She seemed very eager and hopefully we can figure something, find somewhere for them to accommodate. It would be nice to have another non-profit in the Borough.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Solicitor: Attorney Day said we had a meeting with a representative from PEMA about the flood plain and floodway. Right now, if you are in the floodway and you want a shed or a pool or any construction increases the height of your property or volume of your property. Or if you do improvements inside that increases the value by more than 50% you have to get a permit and it has to go through our flood plain administrator. The problem the Borough has UCC gets a permit application they don't check to see if it's in a floodway. They approve the application. The application shouldn't have been approved. Zoning in Schuylkill County. The zoning request variance request they don't check that its in the floodway they approve it. Just because they approve it doesn't mean you can go ahead and do it and violate the floodplain ordinance. So, after the meeting there will be a report. The report is going to tell us what we have to do moving forward. It was the hope that moving forward would be the idea and not going backwards and

telling people they have to change things. However, I am making it perfectly clear to the residents tonight that if you decide to do any work to your property and you are in the floodway don't do anything regardless of what permits you get from UCC or Schuylkill County Zoning. If you start doing stuff with out having it approved by our flood plain administrator, you put a new shed on your property. You're going to be told move the shed back off your property. You could also be cited for violating the ordinance. If you put up a pool without getting approval and you're going to be told to take the pool down and you could be cited for violating the ordinance. Our step moving forward is making sure our residents are aware that just because you get a zoning permit or a UCC permit doesn't mean you can violate the flood plain ordinance. We will follow up once we get the report from PEMA on what's going on there. Solicitor Day added if you have a property, and you don't know if its in the floodway. You can get online the PEMA website and find out. Candice can give you the website put your address in it will tell you. There is also a map posted here in the Borough building that shows you where you are. However, the Federal Government has decided that the flood plain might be bigger than it used to be now. So, people who maybe weren't in the floodway before maybe now. Robert Krick asked the permits only deal with the floodway not the flood. There's two. If you look at the map, there's floodway and I don't know what they call it. Solicitor Day said floodplain. Robert Krick asked it would declare only for the floodway. Solicitor Day said floodway, no construction in the floodway. Robert Krick said floodplain is another issue. Solicitor Day said here is what I'm tell you so there is no confusion. Regardless, if you're in the floodplain or floodway if you're going to do some construction add a shed or a pool improvement whatever go to the floodplain administrator. Make sure it can be done. Because if you don't do it and just think maybe your good and you put a shed in your yard, and we find out you're not good. You just bought a shed your going to have to sell to somebody else and remove it from your property. Same thing with a pool. Robert Krick asked is their different regulations in the floodway as opposed to being in the floodplain. Solicitor Day said yes.

Code/QofL: C. Marquardt said also been asked to address the citizens of Girardville pertaining to our citizens on outside burning. There is no outside burning of any kind of fireplaces anything like that. If you are caught here on in you will be cited, fined, and whatever the outcome will be, will be. We had people with rings and fire in them. I believe we had bricks around with fire in them. Mayor Michael Zangari said you can not take the guts of a combustible gas grill out and put wood inside of it and say I'm cooking on it. Its an open flame it's an open burn. You can not have it according to the ordinance. C. Marquardt added they had a lot of calls recently through out the town from neighbors and stuff. So, he is asking us to remind the public that's here tonight also the newspaper. That this day forward you get caught your going to go through the police department and be cited and fined and have to have it removed.

Street: E. Burns said besides Silver Street project. E & K coming up the Avenue and all I don't know what their time frame is. They're saying in August they'll be done. He believes there is no way they are going to be done in August sometime before the new year. C. Marquardt asked they are running into problems up there aren't they. E. Burns said they are running into things that aren't supposed to be there water valves. The water company doesn't even know they are there, so it is slow for them. Every time they run into something like that it slows them down and they have to call the water company out. Sometimes it takes them a while to get out. E. Burns then said paving that is up to the water company and E&K has to do it. Every time we go to them and ask when the paving is going to start. They'll get down this phase before paving even gets started. We just don't get answers out of them. The digging they did last time before this phase even got started up on the avenue. That paving should have been down by now. Its not even started they should have given us dates. That's not even started.

Police: Mayor Michael Zangari said they ran into one issue. There is no air conditioning in the Police Station. They are having the issues with the computer and printer when we get above ninety degrees. Mayor is requesting to purchase a portable air conditioner because we have the medal on the window for safety. The portable can sit on the floor and then vent can go up and protrude out. So, we would not have to change anything other than to install it. Mayor asked a price not to exceed \$350.00. **Motion** to purchase portable air conditioner for Police Department and not to exceed \$350.00 made by E. Burns, seconded by B. Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried.

School Building: E. Burns, said they had a meeting last night again GBA. They are going ahead and get their heater. The contractor needs chasing down to complete this. They are doing such a great job. If anyone can get over to that gym go over and look at it. Paul Kowalick is doing a fantastic job. One question raised last night. Over the years keys were given out to coaches that shouldn't been. All the keys are different. The main door where they go in now the middle door and the pantry door, they are all different keys. We suggested the main entrance get different keys. E. Burns then asked can you get different keys? Does Keister still do that? C. Marquardt said yeah for the front door going into the gym. E. Burns said that way we don't have to change the whole lock just for the keys. C. Marquardt said yeah, he'll come up to the building and do it. That's how he works anymore he does it right out of his truck. E. Burns wants to get permission to get the keys made. They'll suggest to GBA that the keys are only given out to the officers. If the officers can't get over there or the board members Freddy and himself. They can't get over there to open the doors if they have special practices or something. That has to change them given keys to every coach who says give me a key. F. McDonald agreed. E. Burns asked just for a change of keys not the lock. J. Kessler asked how many keys are out. F. McDonald and E. Burns said they don't even know. E. Burns added that is how bad it is. Some discussion on the keys between council. They are just talking about changing the tumbler to re-key the door. **Motion** to re-key the front gym door A Street School call Keister to do that made by J. Kessler, seconded by B. Dempsey. Voted. All. Motion carried.

Street: Mayor Michael Zangari addressed the lot on Oak Street behind the Post Office. The Borough lot where we at with getting gates. They are running into an issue with illegally parked vehicles that's been out of registration. They have trailers on Borough property. Mayor thought we were getting it off and using it for special events. We approved to buy them. Solicitor Day asked are we towing them. Mayor said he is going to send certified letter giving them so many days to remove the vehicles. Solicitor Day goes remember voting on gates. C. Marquardt will get with Ed about measurements.

School: E. Burns had another thing. If they have enough money raised after they put another heating system in, they want to start doing the restrooms over. They are not up to date. They want to start with the ladies first and boys' room after that. It's all waiting on the person doing the heating system. He's a plumbing outfit so he'll do the bathrooms. E. Burns asked the solicitor if he came up with anything on the forty-year lease. Solicitor Day said they had prepared the documents. He thinks one line was change but doesn't remember hearing back from him. Solicitor Day will contact him on it and find out. He looked back and look then remember he had some issues on the language of it. An agreement is prepared they just have to get the language so both are satisfactory with it.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Pete Oswald lives on William Street. He asked the statues of repairs on the three hundred Block of West Preston Avenue. There were posters put up that indicated work was going be done. E. Burns said those posters should have been taken down the next day. They were for the corner house. It didn't have a sewer and they had to tap off the main, had to get a lateral to them. Mr. Oswald was hoping for paving. E. Burns said that is one of the first once we get some money. Mr. Oswald suggested Code Enforcement reports seems to each month indicate how many complaints were filed. Often how many was resolved and what action was taken going to court. There doesn't seem to be a running tally of many outstanding complaints there are. He suggests including in the report, a running tally of how many complaints are unresolved and still outstanding. It would be an interest to him. E. Burns said that is a good idea. Solicitor Day said really good idea pending complaints. So just add to his report pending complaints. Mayor Michael Zangari said they do have a year-to-date on occupancy permits. Which is 29 total for the year, but we only have a (and that would be very easy) we have a total case per month. The report just doesn't indicate the entire year. So that is a simple addition. He will certainly have him add it to his report. Pete Oswald said he is not speaking just about permits. He is talking about when an individual files a complaint. Say there is thirty complaints in a month eighteen of them are resolved. Mayor said right. Pete Oswald added figure out there is twelve that has not been resolved in that month but how many have been resolved in the previous, and previous to that. Mayor Zangari said there is a down fall to that. Some of them may overlap because of hearings made but he can certainly have him add it for next meeting. Mr. Oswald said the overlapping could be part of any counting for this. You would indicate what is going to happen and what is going on so were not double counting. Mayor and

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** August 11, 2021 **TIME:** 7:30 PM

OPEN MEETING

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

Motion to appoint Leeann Evans assistant secretary (Candice is out on vacation) at \$11.50 per hour made by E. Burns, seconded by B. Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Charles Marquardt, Edward Burns, Fred McDonald, Brian Dempsey, Attorney James Amato, and (Mayor Zangari on the phone conference.)

Members absent: Joseph Kessler and Candice Squires

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA:

Edward Labie asked about paving, They did A Street. He is wondering when they are going to finish it. It looks like they finished both locations. When it comes across Shrub alley, where he comes out of his driveway there is a 4inch jump. Storm drain there they stop to tar looks like there is 4 inch drop off. Looks like they sealed part of the sidewalk with tar. Where he parks his vehicle they didn't seal. Labie said he has been off all week and no one knocked on his door and asked him to move his car. He said they did a real shabby job hit and miss. Labie asked are they going to leave it like that or plan on finishing it. He said they blended the tar on every other street. Except Shrub alley on his side. He has pictures of it and is concerned for the winter. Ed Burns said they'll look at it tomorrow. Both Mr. Burns and Mr. Marquardt thanked Mr. Labie.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

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

Mayor's report: Chief Lahovski read report. Mayor is on speaker phone due to being quarantine. Motion to accept report as read made by E. Burns, seconded by B. Dempsey. Vote.

All. Motion carried. E. Burns asked for a motion to purchase batteries \$75 a piece which is a really good price. If given permission, he will purchase the batteries. They will get twelve something on the exchange of the other batteries. Chief Lahovski talked about the speed machine the department will be using. There is a seconded one that needs to be registered and it has some glitches working on the electronics of it. Chief Lahovski said he remembers paying a hundred and twenty bucks for the batteries last time so seventy is good. Chief said they are not good for issuing citations. They are public awareness, mobile, and self-sufficient. The plan is to have them at various points around town. **Motion** to purchase the two batteries for the machine made by E. Burns, seconded by B. Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Code Enforcement report: No report submitted. C. Marquardt said updated Bill will have every month like Pete Oswald asked for at last meeting. That will be on there how many issued and how many taken care of. How many are still pending. It will be broken down and going forward it will be on the monthly code officer report.

Permit Officer's report: No report submitted.

BILLS

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Silver Street Storm project. C. Marquardt updated that the PA One had calls. A One Service is getting the materials and should start shortly to the project on Silver Street.
- b. Unfinished Hearing Change Notice. C. Marquardt said the Borough is being sued by homeowner in Girardville. Homeowner couldn't make it to the hearing he called while on the turnpike asked for an extension. The extension was granted. Next hearing is September the 7th at 10:45 a.m.
- c. American Rescue Plan/Covid. C. Marquardt is in contact with Meuser's office and still trying to hash things out on what they can use the money for. They are trying to use it for paving and other things. We are waiting to see if that is possible. If not and going forward what we can possibly use it for. We have \$75,000 we received from them. Then we'll get another \$75,000 next year. It is a little unclear. Our Engineer and Solicitor are working on it with other Municipalities that are in the same predicament. C. Marquardt asked Mary Beth Dougherty if she heard anything from her office. M. B. Dougherty said she was in the office yesterday and asked as far as paving goes for updated info. She did have the conversation about it with C. Marquardt. M. B. Dougherty explained it can't be as an example. Water coming from one side of the lines and the Borough wants to do the other side to make it a full paving job, you can't do that. It has to be curb to curb, end of Street to end of Street. It would have to be entire block curb to curb that would be accepted. C. Marquardt said that is what they are counting on they wanted to do Preston Avenue and a couple of other Streets. M.B. Dougherty said that's the way in Meuser's office and today in writing nobody knows. C. Marquardt said that is why everyone is on hold with it. No one wants to spend it Schuylkill Haven. He talked to Don the Engineer and Minersville. We have it hope to utilize it and do some paving with it. Our intentions were to go curb to curb wherever we possibly can. M.B. Dougherty said she didn't know if there would be enough to do one whole block. The three hundred block, back there it would be pricey.

- C. Marquardt said they got a price out here where they stopped from where they started to the top of the hill but our section, we are responsible for, and it was over \$12,000.00. They're saying the price of material is hundred and six dollars per ton. Marquardt explained more on the paving job with the contractors and prices.
- d. Part-time Street worker they are utilizing Ken Petusky and he is working out well.
 - e. Full-time Street department. Dean Hess at rate of \$10.00 per hour and on a 90 day probation period. He will go up to \$12.50. Motion to Hire Dean Hess as Full-time Borough worker made by B. Dempsey, second by F. McDonald. Vote. All. Motion carried. He will start on the 17th this month because of paperwork and insurance and Candice being off. He is fine with that.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Helping Harvest Food truck August 16th from 11-1.
- b. Generator Borough Hall is no good. C. Marquardt said we have been putting money away for a new generator. He hopes to have it installed by end of September beginning of October. C. Marquardt read proposal from Gary Green at Albarell's. **Motion** hire Albarell Electric they will install new 20RCA Kohler Generator that will supply the whole building during power outage total cost \$9,808.00 made by E. Burns, second by F. McDonald. Vote. All. Motion carried.
- c. Schuylkill County Tax Claim private sale. C. Marquardt believes it is the same people who bought Chiaretti's apartments. The last name is the same Farrell. The lady first name is different Taramtie purchase of 324 W Main St. Donald Becker property for cost \$2,721.00. They saw no reason to not allow it to happen. Motion to allow transfer of 324 property made by E. Burns, second by B. Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried.
- d. Landbank. Mayor Michael Zangari (on the phone) said last week he was contacted by the County that the landbank received \$280,000 for demolition funds. It was explained to him they have to equally divide it to all the municipalities involved in the landbank. He believes there were thirteen that comes out to about \$21,000 that Girardville will be eligible for. They are going off the list we submitted the last round of County demolition. The next two on the list was 119 S. William Street and 25 W. Ogden. The mayor responded to the email and expressed our interest in the program. Those two properties and is waiting for paperwork. Or what he needs to do on behalf of the municipality and find out how exactly it works. It would be nice to get additional properties torn down with this grant money. Mary Beth Dougherty believes the landbank is doing a master list to determine from what she understands. The grant application was originally \$300,000 then got to 280. Mrs. Dougherty explained more on subject. **Motion** to allow the mayor to fill out any paperwork that is required through the landbank for demolition project made by E. Burns, second by B. Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried.
- e. County demolition project mayor updated after speaking with the County they were complying the bid package to go out and they anticipate somewhere around October for demolition start. The bids packages were supposed to be going out in the next week or so. They said about thirty days from there they will accept the bids. Until everything gets pushed through somewhere between sixty to ninety days. Should happen before the end of the year.
- f. Police car purchase from Ashland Borough. Chief Lahovski spoke about the need to have additional police car. 2011 Chevy Impala 75,000 miles and new transmission. Chief test drove it and took it to a garage with a councilman. After looking at Kelly Blue Book. They wanted 6,000 and at the end of the day we offered \$4,850 detailing the things they

found and particular variables we thought includes the price they didn't. They did accept our offer. Chief things it is necessary, so we don't have a lapse in coverage from unseen brake down. The car as everything except the police radio but they can use portable in the car. This would be a multipurpose vehicle dictated by the mayor. If code needed the vehicle to facilitate what they do and/or members of local government needed to go to a conference or some type of travel this vehicle is available for that purpose. It will have more than one purpose it is not solely property for the police department. Mayor on speaker phone said part of that is if the vehicle would get use for the code department or official use. Need a member of council or mayor etc. they would have to sign a consent form that they would not utilize the vehicle with distraction. There will be magnets on both doors because it is our car. Code office it would say Girardville Code Department. If its for official use it will say Girardville Borough Official use. It will be very obvious that the vehicle is not being used as a police car by police officer for that purpose. C. Marquardt asked through the insurance we are allowed to do that. Mayor response yes, it is going to be registered as a police car. There are certain protocols by the State. He spoke to West Mahanoy Township who does use their unmarked car. They allow their code office to do it. Its clearly not a police vehicle at that point. Its not being utilized as a police vehicle. Attorney James Amato asked in Girardville is there separate insurance for Borough vehicles and police vehicles? E. Burns said no. Attorney Amato said then there shouldn't be any issues. **Motion** to purchase \$4,850.00 made by B. Dempsey, seconded by F. McDonald. Vote. All. Motion carried. **Motion** to authorize Police Chief and Mayor to take care of paperwork and any transfers involved/need to get the car in our name and on the road made by E. Burns, seconded by B. Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Books, flyers, and magazines.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

School Building: E. Burns said they had a meeting GBA last night. What they got to get one the one form is the authorization to the dollar a year for the lease and they are good to go then.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mary Beth Dougherty question about the quality-of-life ticket. Are they being issued? She said if anybody takes time now to get a new car for code enforcement needs to be in the code office. Anybody can write a quality-of-life ticket. She was out walking one day, and somebody flagged her down and pulled in. Saying hey are all the weedwhackers in Girardville broken? She laughed and asked what do you need? If you look at the Streets in this town, they're a disgrace. Mrs. Dougherty said it's been a long time since she looked at the quality-of-life ordinance but weeds in the gutters in front of occupied homes in this town are an absolute disgrace. Any block in the town. Any block Main St. B St. the Avenue anywhere it's an absolute disgrace. How people in charge of this community don't see the same thing that I see. People driving through town seeing and everybody else in town is seeing. It makes the town look like a complete pigsty. And if

people would get a couple of these tickets maybe it will straighten them out a little bit. Take a little bit of pride in their community. She then said thank you.

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

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Regular Meeting

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OPEN MEETING

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

ROLL CALL

Members present: Joseph Kessler, Frederick McDonald, Edward Burns, Mayor Michael Zangari, Charles Marquardt.

Members absent: Brian Dempsey.

Solicitor Arlen Day will attend late.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA: No comment on the agenda.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

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

Code Enforcement report: Read by Mayor Michael Zangari. Motion to accept the July and August reports as submitted made by E. Burns, seconded by F. McDonald. Vote. All. Motion carried.

7:41p.m. Solicitor Arlen Day entered the meeting.

BILLS

C. Marquardt strike off Route 61 Hardware on General fund. It was a double entry on the bill list. J. Kessler asked what the crossties for. C. Marquardt said they were the seals for down at Silver Street. All the seals were rotted down there where they go on top of the wall down there where the water comes down. We put new seals on top of there and new grating on top of there. The grates were all rusted, and the seals all rotted. J. Kessler asked about the white paint and bought three five gallons. C. Marquardt said yes and to let everyone know paint is hard to come by. The sign company was able to locate paint. Paint is very expensive. We were able to get 3 five-gallon buckets of white to do our cross walks. We are trying to schedule them with the police department and fire police to get it done. We are hoping in the next week or two to have them done. That's it we can't get paint anywhere. We tried Sherwin-Williams. J. Kessler asked what's the urgency. C. Marquardt response because there faded the schools and the kids getting off the buses. They cross the crosswalks the cross walks are faded. That is why the signs are out there to slow the cars down. Fred put the speed machine out there, stuff like that. The crosswalks are there. Mayor Zangari asked Fred by law there has to be a crosswalk for the driver to yield to someone crossing the street correct. Chief Fred Lahovski said if there is a viable crosswalk the driver has to yield to pedestrian traffic in a crosswalk. Mayor asked if the crosswalk is not clearly marked. Chief Fred said not having a crosswalk creates civil realm in a personal injury or something like that in the civil world they deal with percentages. In the criminal world they try and make things one way or the other. It does open up doors. C. Marquardt added they had to change the tonnage signs on the Richard St. bridge. In stead of replacing the entire signs the people that did the inspection told us we only needed the decals. We were able to get the decals to put over the existing tonnage on there. That is all taken care of. They will come back and do a reinspection, and everything is good on that end. Motion to approve the bill list as submitted and read was made by F. McDonald, seconded by C. Marquardt. Vote. J. Kessler vote no. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Annual Fall Clean Up will be Thursday 9-5, Friday 9-5, and Saturday 9-1. E. Burns asked for the date. C. Marquardt the 16th, 17th, 18th. Trailers should start coming in as of Monday-Tuesday of next week. The yard is cleaned out for the bins.
- b. K&B Recycling will be set up down at the Basketball courts on Friday and Saturday. They will be taking all kinds of electronics and stuff that is a separate identity. They will be taking just like they did before. They'll be here both Friday and Saturday. They will not be here Thursday.
- c. A One Service Silver Street. C. Marquardt said we are expecting them maybe by tomorrow. They said it is only a day or so. He is going to do the repairs fix whatever has to be done. Then he is going to come back to do the paving there and the paving up on, with GAMA he'll do the paving at the same time. He has to notify the resident in town that needs to be out of that block radius there. She will be notified he is already aware of that.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Helping Harvest Food Truck will be here September 20th from 11-1.
- b. Quality of Life appeal board for anybody that has any kind of appeals. Some people showed interest already by word of mouth talking about it. If anyone is interested put

your name in here. C. Marquardt added he thinks it will be a three-person panel. Should have it in by next meeting.

- c. Resignation GAMA clerk Leeann Evans last day September 10, 2021. C. Marquardt explained she has taken on a full-time job with full benefits and will be moving on. **Motion** to accept her resignation effective Friday, September 10th made by E. Burns, seconded by F. McDonald. Vote. All. Motion carried.
- d. **Motion** to advertise for part-time GAMA clerk made by F. McDonald, seconded by E. Burns. Vote. All. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Couple of magazines.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Street: E. Burns said we have an opportunity if anyone of the board wants to look at it for a saw that is for sale. The Bann contractor is going out of business. Maybe before next meeting we'll go look at it and see what he has to say. He wants \$1,400.00 it's for concrete and paving. E. Burns added that E & K is coming back in next couple of weeks to finish what they are doing. We never had a walk through of the community so, if there is anything wrong, there's some places. Bad poles are laying. So, if we can do anything with it. Don Cuff is coming to that and will set that up in the very near future.

C. Marquardt asked if there is anything going on with the budget. J. Kessler response not yet.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Julie Rutko 116 A Street. Ms. Rutko said the 200 Second Street the lot next to the former Nowhere Bar is a jungle. It should be taken care of. She did not know if it was reported to Mr. Killian, but it does need to be addressed. Mayor Michael Zangari said they will take care of it this week. E. Burns asked who owns it. C. Marquardt believes Nowhere owns the lot.

Julie Rutko said her son lives at 209 A Street. They don't spend much time there during the summer, but she checks on the house. She said 211 A Street made their back yard a garbage pit. E. Burns said he made two complaints about it just in the last week. E. Burns said Bill has gone there and he did what he had to do. Yes, it's a mess. Ms. Rutko asked is there anything that can be done. E. Burns said yes, Bill Killian the code officer was there on the two complaints he put in. He went to the house they were in there. So, he tagged the house. It's tagged and going to be going through the court system. E. Burns said also the garage they found out. You can't see it but its fill with garbage. Julie said thank you. E. Burns and C. Marquardt thanked her.

Mary Beth Dougherty 355 West Main St. She asked what kind of cases the code enforcement appeal board will be hearing. C. Marquardt said he guesses if we filed citations. It will be basically like it was before if someone files a complaint about it and they want an appeal. M. B. Dougherty asked where in the State law does it give the municipality that authority. C. Marquardt response I don't know. Can you tell me we can't do that? M. B. Dougherty said she had never heard of it. You used to have a board for quality-of-life tickets. Solicitor Day commented that is part of every notice you have a board that you can use to appeal. M. B.

Dougherty asked what are you using as your citation? She then said if you're writing a citation it goes to a magistrate. Mayor Zangari said it's a non-traffic summons. M. B. Dougherty said but it still goes to the magistrate. Solicitor Day said yeah but you can appeal it to the board before you go there. M. B. Dougherty asked where in the State law is that? Solicitor Day offered to look it up for her. He knows Minersville does it all the time. They have thirty days to appeal. M. B. Dougherty was talking at same time as Solicitor. M. B. Dougherty said maybe quality of life but not a citation. The citation is for the magistrate. Maybe they use some other kind of parking ticket type thing, still don't they go to the magistrate. Ms. Dougherty said UCC appeals board that's State law Act 451999. Ms. Dougherty is not aware of where anything likely hood of it. That a municipality can just send it off and start hearing their own cases. Since especially the municipality is the one that is finding them. Isn't that not fair. That it's not even a partial hearing. She went on to say I would think that every blight law she is aware of. It has to be taken to a court of common jurisdiction to be reported. E. Burns said we had it before it was called quality of life. M. B. Dougherty said quality of life is allowed. QOL absolutely you can do that through the municipality not code enforcement and property maintenance. C. Marquardt said so we have to change ours. Ms. Dougherty said I think it's QOL. E. Burns said it's QOL we had a board. Ms. Dougherty, Solicitor Day, and C. Marquardt talking at same time. Some discussion about appeal board. C. Marquardt stated we'll go back to new business there and where we had brought up about forming the code enforcement appeal board it will be changed to the Quality-Of-Life appeal board. C. Marquardt thanked Ms. Dougherty for that and said we'll get it for next meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Candice Squires
Secretary/Treasurer

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Regular Meeting

Place: Municipal Bldg. Date: October 13, 2021 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, Edward Burns, Mayor Michael Zangari, Charles Marquardt.

Members absent: Fredrick Mc Donald.

Solicitor: Arlen Day

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDIA: No comment on the agenda.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

Minutes: Motion to accept the minutes of previous meeting by J.Kessler, seconded by E. Burns. Vote. All Motion carried.

Treasure'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 J. Kessler, seconded by E. Burns. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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

Code Enforcement report: Read by Michael Zangari. Motion to accept the report made by E. Burns, seconded by J. Kessler. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Regular Meeting: October 13, 2021

Open Meeting:

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Council to vote on Jean Ann Parfitt to take the meeting minutes and to pay Jean Ann \$11.25/Hour?

Motion: Joseph Kessler

Second: Edward Burns

Roll Call:

Members Present: Brian Dempsey, Joseph Kessler, Edward Burns, Mayor Michael Zangari, Charles Marquardt, Solicitor Arlen Day

Members Absent: Frederick McDonald, Candice Squires

Dan Heiser got the borough a deal on white paint for painting the lines. Original paint was returned and the borough was reimbursed

Tomorrow, 10-14-21, Fred the cop said yes that they will start painting the lines weather permitting

Quality of Life Appeal Board: Main Persons: David Willis, Suzie Gomosky, Bob McClintock

Approve these 3 people to sit on the Quality of Life Board?

Motion: Edward Burns

Second: Joseph Kessler

Roof Project: Charles Marquardt stated that the roof project will be finished next week, weather permitting.

Unfinished Business

A. Edward Burns to explain bid on down and across Oak Street

-Pipe was blocked, got blockage, 24 inch pipe needs to be fixed, will be corrected and then paving will be finished

-Covid Money: \$75,000, Little over \$5,000, No bill from A One Services as of today

B. Gama Clerk-Moving forward to proceed and interview/Police Department to interview and background checks

Motion: Joseph Kessler

Second: Brian Dempsey

-Julie Willis asked if someone would be in the office for GAMA *payments/questions*

C. American Rescue Plan/Covid Relief: Open up Roof fund: Permission to Open Grant Account

Motion: Joe Kessler

Second: Brian Dempsey

D. ADA "B" Street Park Program is being handled by Don Cuff, Borough Engineer

New Business

A. Resignation Letter for Candice read by Charles Marquardt

To accept Candice Squires' resignation letter

Motion: Edward Burns

Second: Brian Dempsey

B. Ad: Personnel Committee/Background Checks for next meeting, Secretary & GAMA

Motion: Joe Kessler

Second: Edward Burns

C. No Further

D. No Further

E. Schuylkill tax claims sales (2): 7 & 9 West Ogden Street

Jon Overson-buying both of them, Police dept. and Mayor to do background

Reject or Agree on sale upon the investigation

Motion: Joe Kessler

Second: Brian Dempsey

F. Helping Harvest, October 18, 2021, 11:00-1:00

Annetta Whitecavage reminds that people must have room in their trunks

Mayor Michael Zangari asked Annetta Whitecavage to make sure that the cars are not blocking East Main Street

G. Trick or Treat Night, October 31, 2021 5-8PM, Put porch light on

H. Halloween Parade, October 29, 2021, 2:00PM

I. 2022 Budget 1 Advertise: Joseph Kessler, Candice Squires, Frederick McDonald

Joseph Kessler read the budget

J. Added in bills

K. Letter Back in regards to replace Heath Ressler, contact person, application was submitted to DEP

Correspondence

A. Letters, Flyers, and Magazines

Reports of Committees

Police Committee-None

Pay Tax Parcels-appeal available amount of assessment Tax Collector

Motion: Edward Burns

Second: Brian Dempsey

Street Department-None

Finance-None

Building-Charles Marquardt explained garage door to be put on tomorrow morning, 10-14-21 at 8AM.
-Next year replacing doors-see how much it will cost

Solicitor-None

Gym Reports-Paul Kowalick-Roof project completed

-President-Paul Kowalick, Vice President-Dan Heiser, Michelle O'Connell, Jenns Petucky, Fred McDonald

-Paul Kowalick read letter

-GBA has upgraded the building and replaced the roof

-Project-New Heating System, new gas units (2), new thermostats \$11,500

-Gym Plumbing upgrades- Girl's room-2 new toilets, vanity, heaters Boy's room-1 new toilet, new urinals (not added to bill) \$8,925

-2 Fund raisers in the next 3 months

-Opening Night-November 1, 2021, 83 Children, 18 per team, 247 children, waiting list

-Congrats Paul Kowalick-everyone applaud (clapping)

Open Floor to Public Comment

-Annetta Whitecavage explained that applications for new banners will be ready January 2022, old banners have one more year

-Budget: 19.7% Tax advertising

Motion: Edward Burns

Second: Brian Dempsey

Motion to Adjourn

Motion: Edward Burns

Second: Brian Dempsey

Next Meeting

-Wednesday, November 10, 2021

Jean Ann Parfitt

*Respectively Submitted
Jean Ann Parfitt
(Acting Secretary)*

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Regular Meeting

Place: Municipal Bldg. **Date:** December 8, 2021 **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, Mark Rainis, Edward Burns, Mayor Michael Zangari, Charles Marquardt, Solicitor Arlen Day, Josephine Heffner.

Members Absent:

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA: NONE

APPROVAL OF REPORTS:

Minutes: Motion to accept Minutes of the previous meeting made by Edward Burns, seconded by Brian Dempsey. **Vote: All. Motion Carried.**

Treasurer's Report: Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report made by Joseph Kessler, seconded by Brian Dempsey. **Vote: All. Motion Carried.**

Tax Collector's Report: Motion made to accept the Tax Collector's Report and to Pay the Tax Collector made by Edward Burns, seconded by Brian Dempsey. **Vote: All. Motion Carried.**

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Mayor/Police Report: A Motion to accept the Police Report was made by Joseph Kessler and seconded by Brian Dempsey. **Vote: All. Motion Carried.**

Code Enforcement Officer's Report: A motion was made by Joseph Kessler and seconded by Edward Burns. **Vote: All. Motion Carried.**

Permit Officer's Report: A motion was made by Edward Burns and seconded by Brian Dempsey.
Vote: All. Motion Carried.

REVIEW AND AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS: A motion was made by Brian Dempsey and seconded by Edward Burns. **Vote: All. Motion Carried.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a. A donation for Dustin's Adventureland was put on the table.
- b. A motion was made by Edward Burns and seconded by Joseph Kessler to accept a Change Order #2 for the roofing project after the latest inspection was made by Joseph Kessler and seconded by Edward Burns. **Vote: All. Motion Carried.**
- c. A motion was made by Brian Dempsey and seconded by Edward Burns to keep the tax rates for 2022 at 19.7 mils. **Vote: All. Motion Carried.**
- d. A One Service at the Silver Street Project is done with Phase 1 and continuing with Phase 2.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. A motion was made by Joseph Kessler and seconded by Edward Burns to adopt the Annual Budget for 2022. **Vote: All. Motion Carried.**
- b. A vote was made by Brian Dempsey and seconded by Frederick McDonald to approve next year's Council Meetings (2nd Wednesday of every month) and the Work Sessions (the Sunday prior to the Meeting). **Vote: All Motion Carried.**
- c. A motion to accept Bryan Kimmel's resignation letter for the EMA Coordinator was made by Frederick McDonald and seconded by Edward Burns. **Vote: All. Motion Carried.** Anybody interested in this position should apply in writing by December 30th, 2021 at 3 p.m.
- d. The Community Church's Hearing is on Monday, January 4th, 2022.

- e. A motion to adopt a Resolution for a Small Loan Borrowing for the USDA Loan and Grant was made by Joseph Kessler and seconded by Edward Burns. **Vote: All. Motion Carried.**
- f. The Reorganizational Meeting will be held on January 3rd, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. with the regular Council Meeting to Follow.
- g. Police Rates effective January 1st, 2022 will be \$17.00 an hour and \$17.50 an hour for Police Chief. A motion was made by Brian Dempsey and seconded by Joseph Kessler. **Vote: All. Motion Carried.**
- h. A motion was made by Frederick McDonald and seconded by Edward Burns to have Michael Zangari remain with the Demolition Project. **Vote: All. Motion Carried.**
- i. A motion to allow Joe Wayne (letter to the Council) to Continue his seat with GAMA was made by Edward Burns and seconded by Frederick McDonald. **Vote: All. Motion Carried.**

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Letters, fliers and magazines.

REPORTS ON COMMITTEES, COUNCIL MEMBERS AND SOLICITOR:

Mayor/Police Committee : Mayor Michael Zangari would like to thank the Council for his 4-year term as Mayor. He also wished everybody a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

OPEN THE FLOOR FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

Charles Marquardt: If there is nothing else, I want to wish all our Residents a very Happy Holiday Season. Now I need a Motion to Adjourn.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Edward Burns and seconded by Joseph Kessler. **Vote: All. Motion Carried.**

The Next Meeting Held On:
Wednesday, Monday January 3rd, 2022.

Respectively Submitted,
Josephine Heffner
Secretary/Treasurer