

BOROUGH OF GIRARDVILLE
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Reorganization Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** January 3rd, 2022 **TIME:** 7:30pm

Judge Edward Tarantelli administered the oath of office to all newly elected Borough Officials prior to the meeting. Duly sworn were, Council Members Joseph Kessler and Frederick McDonald, Tax Collector Annetta Whitecavage. Prior to the meeting, Duly sworn by Judge Edward Tarantelli, was Judy Melbaum as Mayor and handed in copies of Oath of Office and Certificate of Elections. The Mayor then chaired the meeting for purposes of reorganizing.

OPEN MEETING

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Judy Melbaum.

ROLL CALL Mayor did Roll Call)

Members present: Joseph Kessler, Frederick McDonald, Edward Burns, Charles Marquardt, Solicitor Arlen Day, Mayor Judy Melbaum, Secretary Josephine Heffner
Members absent: Brian Dempsey

Mayor Judy Melbaum the floor is opened for Nominations. I Judy Melbaum) call for a Nomination for Council President. Once a Council President is elected the Mayor passes the chair to Council.

The floor was opened for nominations.

Mayor Judy Melbaum) I call for a nomination for Council President. Once a Council President is elected the Mayor passes the chair.

Solicitor Arlen Day told Mayor Judy Melbaum and Council there's no need for a Second for Nominations. Just take a vote as a Roll Call. Nomination opened for Council President. Motion to nominate Charles Marquardt made by Edward Burns.

No other nomination. Voice Vote. All. Motion carried.

Joe: I Edward: I

Fred: I Mayor: I

The Mayor passes the chair to Council President Charles Marquardt. Council President Charles Marquardt takes the chair and continues with Nominations.

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Nomination opened for Vice President. Motion to nominate Edward Burns made by Joseph Kessler. No other nomination. Voice Vote. All. Motion carried.

Joe: I Charles: I
Fred: I Edward: I

Nomination for Secretary/Treasurer. Motion to appoint Josephine Heffner made by Edward Burns. No other nominations. Voice Vote. All. Motion carried.

Joe: I Charles: I
Fred: I Edward: I

Nomination for Borough Solicitor. Motion to appoint Fanelli, Evans & Patel, P.C./Arlen Day as Solicitor made by Edward Burns, seconded by Frederick McDonald. No other nominations. Voice Vote. All. Motion carried.

Setting Solicitor Arlen Day with his retainer set at \$2,500 per year with an hourly rate of \$125 per hour for all services in addition to attendance at regular meetings. Motion to set retainer rate for Solicitor Arlen Day to represent Borough made by Edward Burns, seconded by Joseph Kessler. Voice Vote. All. Motion carried.

Nomination for Chairman of the Vacancy Board. Motion to appoint Joseph Chiaretti. Motion made by Charles Marquardt. Voice Vote. All. Motion carried.

Joe: I Charles: I
Fred: I Edward: I

Nomination for Bank Depository. Motion to appoint Mid Penn Bank made by Edward Burns, seconded by Frederick McDonald. Voice Vote. All. Motion carried.

Nomination for Code Enforcement Officer. Motion to appoint Bill Killian as Code Enforcement Officer made by Edward Burns, seconded by Frederick McDonald. Voice Vote. All. Motion carried.

Nomination for Assistant Code Officer. Motion to appoint Dan Cress as Assistant Code Officer made by Frederick McDonald, seconded by Edward Burns. Voice Vote. All. Motion carried.

Nomination for Permit Officer. Motion to appoint Jean Ann Parfitt made by Edward Burns, seconded by Frederick McDonald. Voice Vote. All. Motion carried.

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

Nomination Enforcement Officer. Motion to appoint Larson Design Group made by Edward Burns, seconded by Frederick McDonald. Voice Vote. All. Motion carried.

Nomination for Environmental Certifying Officer- usually Council President. Motion to appoint Charles Marquardt made by Edward Burns, seconded by Frederick McDonald. Voice Vote. All. Motion carried.

Nomination for Outside Permit Enforcement. Motion to appoint Building Inspections Underwriter, Inc outside permit enforcement made by Edward Burns, seconded by Frederick McDonald. Questions? None. Voice Vote. All. Motion carried.

Nomination for Right-To-Know Officer. Motion to appoint Solicitor Arlen Day made by Edward Burns, seconded by Frederick McDonald. Voice Vote. All. Motion carried.

Nomination for Tax Collector Committee. C. Marquardt asked Anetta Whitecavage Tax Collector to be on the committee. Anetta Whitecavage asked what is it. C. Marquardt said just a formality. Motion made by Edward Burns, seconded by Joseph Kessler. Voice Vote. All. Motion carried.

We need a motion to appoint a SAMS Administrator for system for award management for USDA is usually the Secretary. Motion made by Edward Burns, seconded by Frederick McDonald. Voice Vote. All. Motion carried.

Permission to pay all the bills as due made by Joseph Kessler, seconded by Edward Burns. Voice Vote. All. Motion carried.

We need a motion to certify the Council Members and Borough Secretary/Treasurer as Delagates to the Annual State Association of Boroughs, and appoint Frederick McDonald as the voting delegate and Josephine Heffner Borough Secretary as alternate voting delegate. Motion made by Edward Burns to appoint Frederick McDonald as the voting delegate, seconded by Joseph Kessler. Motion made by Edward Burns to appoint Josephine Heffner as alternate voting delegate, seconded by Frederick McDonald. Voice. All. Motion carried.

Approve all bills submitted to be paid for year 2022 and the Pay Period to stay the same for year 2022. Motion made by Edward Burns, seconded by Joseph Kessler. Voice Vote. All. Motion carried.

Committees: Chairman, Alternate

Police: Edward Burns, Brian Dempsey

Streets: Brian Dempsey, Edward Burns

Recreation: Fred McDonald, Brian Dempsey

School: Fred McDonald, Edward Burns

Finance: Fred McDonald, Joe Kessler

Recycling: Joe Kessler, Charles Marquardt

Personnel: Charles Marquardt, Fred McDonald

School Building: Fred McDonald, Charles Marquardt

Code/Q of L: Judith Melbaum, Brian Dempsey

Blight: Joe Kessler, Brian Dempsey

Landfill: Rep. Joe Kessler Alt. Edward Burns

Nomination for Land Bank. Motion to appoint Frederick McDonald on the Land Bank for the Borough made by Edward Burns, seconded by Joseph Kessler. Voice Vote. All.

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Motion carried.

Nomination for Flood Plain Manager Dan Cress made by Edward Burns, seconded by Joseph Kessler. Voice Vote. All. Motion carried.

Nomination for EMA Personnel. Motion to appoint Kevin Kulish and Heath Ressler made by Frederick McDonald, seconded by Joseph Kessler. Voice Vote. All. Motion carried.

The monthly Council Meetings are on the Second Wednesday of every month and the Work Session will be every Sunday before it. Work session will be held at 10 o'clock pm and Council Meetings will be held at 7:30 pm.

Motion to retain bond for Secretary/Treasurer at \$50,000.00. Motion made by Edward Burns, seconded by Frederick McDonald. Voice Vote. All. Motion carried.

Girardville Borough Fire Chief. Motion to appoint Frank Zangari Jr. made by Edward Burns, seconded by Joseph Kessler. Voice Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to keep Borough Fire Chief's rate at \$500.00 to be paid at end of year. Motion made by Joseph Kessler, seconded by Edward Burns. Voice Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to close Reorganizational Meeting made by Edward Burns, seconded by Joseph Kessler. Voice Vote. All. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Josephine Heffner
Secretary/Treasurer

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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** February 9, 2022 **TIME:** 7:30pm

OPEN MEETING

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

ROLL CALL

Members present: Charles Marquardt, Edward Burns, Brian Dempsey, Mayor Judy Melbaum, Solicitor Arlen Day, Secretary Josephine Heffner
Members absent: Joseph Kessler, Frederick McDonald

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA:

Charles Marquardt opened the floor to Paul Kowalick. Paul Kowalick stood up and wanted to do the report on the Gym at the School on "A" Street if that's alright I'll do it. Charles Marquardt said yes go right ahead, [Paul walked to the podium]. I [Paul Kowalick] made a promise when we got the Lease of the Gym and time when we do improvements of the Gym, I'd make sure that you know. So, the final project we have were in the bathrooms, was the urinals, toilets, and all the plumbing taking care of and the walls, ceilings, etc. So, I'm just going to read this off. We tore off the 2 closet doors and made 1 door and made a bathroom and especially for the girls for privacy. 1 door in and out. So, they were changed. We installed a six- panel door and all the walls had FRP which is that shiny white plastic. It's very expensive. It looks really good. It will be there for life. we installed 2ft. by 2ft. ceiling tiles. Tore out all the lights and did all new electrical in there. Installed 5 LED Lights, and the floor we decided to paint on plates and put it on top of the concrete floor. The concrete floor is in great shape. Instead of putting something down on it. It looks really good. Molding all around the floors and of course molding around all the doors. The AMP to the panel box, fixed the wiring in the panel box, and tore out the 2 radiators that were in there. They installed 2 electric heaters in there. Small ones that are efficient ones and we have to keep them on the

lowest setting possible, so that nothing in there will freeze. The entrance always looks tough when you walk in there. When you walk into the gym there on the left- hand side you can see that whole room there. We framed that whole wall out there to the entrance with 2x4x10s and sheeted it with the OSB plywood and painted it blue like the inside of the gym and of course everything is all cleaned up. B&E Contractor from Ashland did all the work over the holiday for us in the gym. They said most people don't even want them in their homes around the holidays. It was great having them in the gym for us and they did all that for us for \$4,500.00. So, I have that bill and I will present that to you, and that's completely paid for. So, to date this year we did the roof, and the heating in the place and fixing up the roof before actually. We have \$60,448.00 improvements that were put in the Gym. That wasn't all from donations, we had to take a \$20,000.00 loan from CACL which they were very good to us to do that. So that's the only way we could get the heaters, and the bathrooms done this year. So, our projects are done this year until we pay these loans off. {Paul walked up to Council table and handed Charlie the copy of the bill that goes to Council for the project like he promised} So if you guys have any questions or the public I'll be here to answer them. Edward Burns said Thank You Paul and Charlie Marquardt said Thank You Paul, Thank You very much.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS:

Minutes: Motion to accept Minutes of 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 Brian Dempsey, seconded by Edward Burns. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Tax Collector's Report: Motion 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.

Mayor/Police Report: Motion to accept the Mayor/Police Report made by Edward Burns, seconded by Brian Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Mayor/Police Report read by Mayor Judy Melbaum O.K. as of tonight I {Mayor Judy Melbaum} have, we'll have a Police Officer on, and waiting on background check to be done and probably have 3 more coming on. So, we'll have a total of 4 Part-Time Police Officer's hopefully very quickly, but one will definitely be done tonight and also, I have on the table where Annetta is sitting, if anybody is behind or knows anybody behind in their Water bill or their Sewer bill the State is offering a New Grant. It's just a Grant, no one has to pay it back and its directly paid to the Water Company and the Sewer Company and there's paperwork over there. If you know of anybody that can use it, please take one and see that they get it. It's a great program and it doesn't cost anything for anyone to try and get it. The Cap on it is fairly high. So, it's worth giving it a shot.

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Code Enforcement Officer's Report: Motion to accept Code Enforcement Officer's Report made by Brian Dempsey, seconded by Edward Burns. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Permit Officer's Report: Motion to accept the Permit Officer's Report made by Edward Burns, seconded by Brian Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a. The Generator will be here on Tuesday. Hopefully they will be starting on Tuesday or one day next week for sure based on the weather. The Generator is in Allentown and coming to Pottsville. The crew from Pottsville are going to be installing it. I'm {Charles Marquardt} going to be meeting with the over all Manager of Allentown on Tuesday morning here and along with the other Manager from Pottsville. Hopefully get that resolved and taking care of.
- b. As far as the Roof goes, the Inspection was done today and the Inspection passed and everything is good to go. The Contractor just has to finish up paperwork and stuff, and get it back to the Engineer and then it will be passed on to USDA and then we can be closing out on the Grant very shortly. It's just a matter of some paperwork and signatures.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Make a Motion to Elect Joseph Wayne to the GAMA Board was made by Edward Burns, seconded by Brian Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried. Edward Burns said its a 5 year term Charlie. Charlie said 5 years, Edaward said yea.
- b. Next, we have the Resignation of Arlen Day as the Right to Know Officer, effective February th, 2022. Make a Motion to accept the Resignation was made by Brian Dempsey, seconded by Edward Burns. Vote. All. Motion carried.
- c. Motion to Appoint Frederick McDonald as the New Right to Know Officer was made by Edward Burns, seconded by Brian Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried.
- d. Charlie Marquardt asked Solicitor Arlen Day to discuss the Tax Anticipation Note {Arlen said sure), We have a Tax Anticipation Note that was discussed at the last meeting. It's in the amount of \$45,000 at 3%. We're voting on accepting a Proposal from Mid Penn Bank that was submitted January 26th, 2022. So, we need a vote on the Resolution and the Tax Anticipation Note and to sign all Documents as necessary. Charlie said so it's going to be Resolution 29-2022-1.

Arlen said correct. Motion to Adopt Resolution 29-2022-1 pertaining to the Tax Anticipation Note and to Authorize the signing of all Documents was made by Edward Burns, seconded by Brian Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried.

- e. Adoption to update the Ordinance regarding Rental Properties in the Borough. Solicitor Arlen Day said yes, we are going to Amend it to that you have to live or someone lives within the distance of the Property or you have to have a Manager. If you don't have either, then you can't Purchase the Rental Property. I don't know what we're going to put in as far as people don't have it but there's going to be a Penalty for not having someone there. Then later on we are going to do another Ordinance. We now have three Ordinances that you have to read to figure out what all the Ordinances are for the Property Maintenance Code. So, after we do this, I'm going prepare an Ordinance that covers everything. Charlie said ok. Motion for Solicitor Arlen Day to prepare the Ordinance, and the Amendment to the Ordinance for Residential requirement for having a Manager. Motion made by Edward Burns, seconded by Brian Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried.
- f. A Motion for the purchase of 22 ton of Rock Salt for the 2022-23 Season with CoStars. Motion made by Edward Burns, seconded by Brian Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried.
- g. We did receive the 23 tons of Rock Salt that was delivered on Thursday, February 3rd, 2022.
- h. The Municipal Waste Planning & Recycling Annual Form was filed with the DEP Agency.
- i. We need Approval of registering K&B Recycling for the Electronics Spring recycling for the 1st weekend in May {May 7th} from 7am until 2pm. Motion made by Edward Burns, seconded by Brian Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried.
- j. We have a List of Repository Bids on Properties 24 E. Ogden St. 341 W. Mahanoy Ave., 21 W. Ogden St., 25 W. Ogden St., and 7 W. Ogden St. We need a Motion to Disapprove those Properties. Motion made by Edward Burns, seconded by Brian Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried.
Next on the List of Repository Bids on Properties 122 W. Og.

and W. Ogden St. we need a Motion to Approve those Prop Motion made by Edward Burns, seconded by Brian Dempsey , Vote. All. Motion carried.

- k. We sent a Letter to North Schuylkill School District and they have responded back to us. So, we are going to be working along with the other Municipalities in the Borough's that the School District Represents and come up with some kind of plan on these Repository Bids. So thats a good thing with having letters back and forth acknowledging each other. So, I{Charles Marquardt} got that right from Chaz Hepler.

Solicitor Arlen Day said to Charlie..... I just want to make sure we're clear that it's Rental Properties that the Ordinance is going to be Amended on, not all Properties. Charlie said ok.

- l. Next because of cost and everything else involved, Council needs to make a Resolution which will be 29-2022-2 to increase the fee paid for Occupancy Application from \$70 to \$125 per Inspection, and also pay each Code Inspector \$35 per Inspection. We need a Motion and to Adopt that Resolution. Motion was made by Edward Burns, seconded by Brian Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried.

- m. The e-filing of our 2022 Tax Information with the Governor's Center for Local Government Services {GCLGS} has been Accepted and Approved {DCED}.

I guess we did some interviews with Police Officer's. So I'll tur this over to the Mayor and Police Committee to give their rep and what their findings.

Mayor Judy Melbaum said so far we have interviewed three different men for the position of a part-time Police Officer we have one more to go. Like I stated earlier we are waiting on the back ground checks and so far, one is being hired def-initely tonight. The other two we are waiting on the back ground checks and the third one we are waiting for to come

in for an interview. I see rumor has it, one is Jim Patterson. Some people may know him. He worked here before, and then he went into the Military and now he's back. He is also a Capital Police Officer. Charlie said we need a Motion to hire Jim Patterson as a Part Time Girardville Police Officer. Motion was made by Edward Burns, seconded by Brian Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried.

- n. We received the 2022 Girardville Borough Starting Balances
Edward Burns interrupts Charlie reading.
Edward says, Charlie wait go back to this..... Pending on their background checks. Did you say that? {Charlie} yea

- o. Now if you want to read off the other three names and make a Motion to approve them tonight pending their background checks. All we did was approve Jim Patterson. If you want to read the two you already interviewed and the third one you didn't have an interview with. That one will have to wait until next meeting, but if you want to read the two names you have you can make a Motion whether or not you want to hire them tonight pending their background checks.

I {Mayor Judy Melbaum} don't know their names off the top of my head. Alright we'll go get those. Judy said Jo {Josephine Secretary-Jo} come with me to get their application with their names.

Charlie said until she gets that we'll move on, and we'll come back to that.

- p. Need a Motion to allow the Ladies AOH to have their meetings the 4th Wednesday of every month in the Seniors Room at 7pm. Motion was made by Edward Burns, seconded by Brian Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried.
- q. Need a Motion to allow Schuylkill Community Action to use the Seniors Room on Wednesday, February 23,2022, from

5:30pm until 6:15pm. Motion made by Brian Dempsey, seconded by Edward Burns. Vote. All. Motion carried.

- r. The Borough at this time needs a Motion to attest the background check that came back for Kevin Kulish and he has been accepted as the new EMA Coordinator. Motion made by Brian Dempsey, seconded by Edward Burns. Vote. All. Motion carried.
- s. We need a Motion to accept Frederick McDonald as our new Landbank Representative. Motion made by Edward Burns, seconded Brian Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried.
- t. A Motion to send a letter to the Landbank requesting they put the property at 119 S. William St. on the demolition list. Motion made by Brian Dempsey, seconded by Edward Burns. Vote. All. Motion carried.
- u. Motion to have St. Patrick's Day parade on March 26th, 2022. Starting at 12o'clock. Motion made by Edward Burns, seconded by Brian Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried.
- v. Motion to extend my licensed premises to include the sale of Alcoholic Beverages within the confines of Beech and Line Streets on Saturday March 26th, 2002. Motion made by Edward Burns, seconded by Brian Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Mayor Judy Melbaum returned with the two Police Officer's names. Mayor Judy said to Charlie, should I continue with this, Charlie-sure go ahead now. Like I{Mayor Judy Melbaum} said, we are going to hire Jim Patterson this evening. One of the gentlemen's name is Fabrizio Bivona. He is also an EMT, and he's also a Registered Nurse. The next man is Jeremy Talanca, he is the second one we are waiting for a background check on, and still to come in is Brandon Gonzalez. We will have to do his interview, which is on March 18th,2022 and

he's currently working as a Police Officer. Charlie said first we need a Motion to hire Fabrizio Bivona as a Part-time Police Officer in the Borough pending background checks and everything else that comes back okay. Motion was made by Edward Burns, seconded by Brian Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Next is Jeremy Talanca to be hired as a Part-time Police Officer in the Borough of Girardville pending background checks and all of the information that is needed. Motion was made by Brian Dempsey, seconded by Edward Burns. Vote. All. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- a. Just a bunch of books, and magazines here.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. Police Committee--- Going further
Mayor Judy Melbaum said, that's all we have.
- b. Streets---- Nothing

Solicitor Arlen Day said am I skipped over to Charlie. Charlie said did I say Streets instead of Solicitor{Jo the Secretary laughing}.

I {Charlie} guess going forward, I don't know our schedule, from what I understand is June will be our schedule. We are going to have the Street Sweeper in town, but I believe the AOH is going to have a Street Sweeper here before the parade.

Solicitor Arlen Day said nothing further to report.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

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Dan Cress-- Question on the Sweeper are they just going to do the Route.{Charlie} The one the AOH is getting I would say yes. The one we are getting is all the Streets, like we had last year. Edward said the guy said its good to book them because they get booked really quick. They do a lot of work for Penn Dot. We have to plan it out. That's the way it is right now. If I have anything further I will let the Public know.

Annetta Whitecavage-- I need to say two things. Taxes will be mailed out at the end of this month. Say a prayer that they will be coming in {a lot of talking and laughing, too, hard to hear}. Also Banner Applications, we will be doing Banner's again. For New Banner Applications will be available February 15th. They must be in no later than March 11th because we must have them at the Printer in order to have them back for Memorial Day. Applications will be on the counter outside Office Window February 15th thank you.

Mayor Judy Melbaum,- The only thing else I have to say is please, if you do know anyone that can use the help with Water bills, Sewer bills please pass the word along take the information thats over there on the table. If I'm not mistaking, I think its a \$2,500 Grant. So, it's worth passing the word around. Actually, There are a lot of people that can use it.

Motion to adjourn made by Edward Burns, seconded by Brian Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Ann Parfitt
Permit officer

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PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** March 9, 2022 **TIME:** 7:30pm

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 Judy Melbaum, Charles Marquardt, Solicitor Arlen Day, Josephine Heffner.
Members absent:

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA:

None

APPROVAL OF REPORTS:

Minutes: Motion to accept Minutes of previous meeting made by Brian Dempsey, seconded by Edward Burns. 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: No report. Taxes just went out.

Mayor/Police Report: Mayor Judy Melbaum had a phone call about a very large pile of garbage behind a home on B Street in an alley. It was taken care of and cleaned up. Also, on April 15th there will be a bunny tour and one of our police officers will escort the bunny vehicle for the kids and I would also like to introduce our new police officers. We have Jeremy Talanca,

Brandon Gonzalez, James Patterson and our Officer in Charge Fabrizio Brivana.

Mayor Judy Mehlbaum requested on behalf of the Parade Committee use of the Gator for the parade for safety and if one of our officers could drive it. Motion to do so made by Edward Burns, seconded by Brian Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion Carried.

Mayor Judy Mehlbaum requested to create an account for grants received by the Police Department. Motion to do so made by Edward Burns, seconded by Joseph Kessler. Vote. All. Motion Carried.

Code Enforcement Officer's Report: Motion to accept Code Enforcement Officer's Report made by Edward Burns, seconded by Brian Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Permit Officer's Report: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a. Everything is finished with the new generator. Waiting on delivery in order to replace the old generator.

NEW BUSINESS

a. A letter from the County was received regarding recycling by the residents of Girardville. Residents must contact County Waste for Recycle Bins. If residents need help in getting it set up, they can visit County Waste online or call either County Waste or Kyle at the Courthouse. For customers of County Waste interested in recycling there will be a number posted to have the bin delivered and a pick up program set up.

b. Changes to the procedure for issuing handicapped parking were discussed and it was decided that no action would be taken at this time and further review was necessary.

c. Motion to purchase gates for the Island and the West Oak Street Fire Lane made by Charles Marquardt, seconded by Joseph Kessler. Vote. All. Motion carried.

d. Motion to pass Resolution 3-9-2022-1 requesting a Local Shared Statewide Grant of \$47,980.00 for use in the Municipal Building's Heating Systems Replacing Project made by Edward Burns, seconded by Brian Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried.

e. Motion to pass Resolution 3-9-2022-2 authorizing the Borough to apply for any other grants that are available from the Local Shared Statewide Grant account.

f. Motion to verify that Atty. Day has the final payment for the USDA Roofing Project made by Edward Burns, seconded by Joseph Kessler. Vote. All. Motion Carried.

g. Motion to advertise for the update to the Tax Collectors 2005-1 increase for the Tax Collector in the newspaper made by Edward Burns, seconded by Brian Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion Carried.

h. Motion to sell the parking lot owned by the Borough at Girard Towers for six thousand dollars made by Edward Burns, seconded by Joseph Kessler. Voted. All. Motion carried.

i. Motion to use COVID funds for use in projects presented by the Borough Engineer made by Edward Burns, seconded by Fred McDonald. Voted. All. Motion carried.

j. Motion to approve WGL as the Borough electric supplier made by Edward Burns, seconded by Fred McDonald. Voted. All. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

a. A couple of books, magazines and letters.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

a. Streets---- Suggested that Jim Evans' salary be increased by \$1.00/hr to \$13.50/hr and review it in June. Part-time worker will be out sick from four to six weeks.

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Currently interviewing for a Borough
worker.

Motion to increase Jim Evans' salary by \$1.00/hr made by Edward
Burns, seconded by Joseph
Kessler. Voted. All. Motion carried.

b. Solicitor----Nothing,.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mary Beth Dougherty inquired about the AOH getting a street sweeper for the
parade. Mayor Judy

Mehlbaum said the street sweeper was contacted, and the AOH was planning
to have it done on March

23. President Charles Marquardt said that the Borough's street sweeper will be
coming in June. Vice

President Edward Burns said it was being done by Stanley Sweeper,

Motion to adjourn made by Edward Burns, seconded by Brian Dempsey.
Vote. All. Motion carried.

Next meeting: April 13, 2022

Respectfully submitted,

Josephine Heffner
Secretary/Treasurer

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ROLL CALL

Members Present: Brian Dempsey, Joseph Kessler, Frederick McDonald, Edward Burns, Mayor Judith Mehlbaum, Charles Marquardt, Solicitor Arlen Day, Josephine Heffner.

Members Absent:

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA:

Paul Kowalick: It's not on the agenda, but it's something that is going to ask that I give a quick report on GBA. It's not on this agenda.

Charles Marquardt: Should this be on tonight's agenda?

Edward Burns: I forgot to tell Jo to put it on. Yeah, go ahead Paul.

Paul Kowalick: Ok, this is quick anyway. First off I would like to thank the council again for having the confidence in the GBA to have the gym and do the lease with us. This year we had 263 children. That was the most we ever had. We didn't know how that would work out. It was a huge success. Besides doing all those upgrades to the plumbing and heating. We did renovate those both bathrooms. We already went over all that. What ended up being a big problem for us was the heating bill this year and I know the Borough was well aware of it. Jo kept giving me all the bills. So, I want to let you know that I paid the remaining \$3,767.89 on Monday so all the propane bills through Antz are covered, and for the year \$5,899. So next year we know we are going to have to budget \$6,000 just to pay for the heat in that building. It was lower than normal because it was heated properly for once.

Edward Burns: It was a cold winter Paul, and we're going to button up.

Paul Kowalick: Our new projects are going, we are going to try and button up a bit. We have a few tips from Glenn Antz. The main reason I wanted to ask, we're going to have a summer camp this year. GBA is going to do a summer camp. It is going to be the week of June 13 – 17, 10:00 in the morning until 12:30. We would like permission to use the outside basket ball courts, because we are not going to have enough room in the gym. We are still waiting to see how many children are going to sign up for it. We would like that permission. Then Judy had given me some paperwork about a Keystone Historic Preservation Grant. The outside of that gym, as Robbie knows, is made of porcelain. That is a historic building, would that be correct? If we file for a grant, it's the first, so look anyway look into that Judy. The deadline was March 1st, so of course, I got it the 3rd. That was nice of you and I'm sure Mary Beth, something like that will come up again.

Mary Beth Dougherty: The problem is the school district covered up the historic porcelain. So I don't know if you would have to incorporate having all that removed to restore it.

Paul Kowalick: I was wondering what they would do, a grant or what to upgrade the outside.

Robbie Krick: The only way, if you were to restore it, you would have to take all those panels off. Porcelain and those panels, it's a lot of money. You could possibly try and do trim and leave the other.

Paul Kowalick: That's what we were hoping. Upgrade the front, where the people come in. So Judy I did look into it. I apologize, you gave it to me and I looked at it 4 days later. Which was March 3rd. So, we will try again. That's all. I just wanted permission.

Judith Mehlbaum: It was worth a shot.

Paul Kowalick: Oh, I'll try it.

Mary Beth Dougherty: We'll try all that, Paul Bernosky is a good man. Paul has to see Paul Bernosky next week at another meeting, Keystone Historic Preservation.

Paul Kowalick: Ok. Then, if you don't mind. The NAP, the neighborhood....

Mary Beth Dougherty: That city grant is still available. I think that always, I think that is an ongoing program.

Paul Kowalick: I apologize for taking your time. That's it.

Charles Marquardt: Ok. I guess we need a motion to grant the Girardville Basketball Association permission to use the outside basket ball courts for a summer youth basketball camp. It's June 13 thru 17. Do you have times on that Paul?

Paul Kowalick: We're going to try it from 10:00 to 12:00 then try and make it that the children would have the free lunch then. They would go right from that to free lunch. Besides what we may try to provide them once we talk to some sponsors.

Motion on that:

Edward Burns: I'll make the motion.

Brian Dempsey: Seconded

Charles Marquardt: Any questions? All those in favor?

"Aye's" The aye's have it. Is there anyone else?

This gentleman right here. Go ahead sir. State you name so she can record it.

Randy Robertson: Yes, good evening Ladies and Gentlemen. My name is Randy Robertson. I purchased a house at 341A West Mahanoy Avenue with my fiancé about seven months ago. We love the area. We love being up here. We were interested in purchasing 341, which is to my right. I had a contractor come out, I don't know if you know _____? He is working on some properties in the area. He came down and took a look and let me know it's not worth purchasing whatsoever. The building is falling down. I have pictures here if you would like to see. What's already going on is. I went to the school board this evening and they directed me to you guys. They said, because if I am not mistaken, 341 may actually already be on the demolition list. You can see there it is pretty much already down.

Mary Beth Dougherty: Do you have a Bid with North Schuylkill?

Randy Robertson: Yeah. Someone actually has a \$5000 bid on the place. Fresh Start, they actually have \$5000 bids on 6 or 7 other properties. I'm not talking bad about those people. They seem to be guiltless. That is not what we're here for. We came to live here, this is where we want to be. So we don't want them. I asked the school board to consider not accepting their bid, because it is clear they haven't done their due diligence. Plus if they had, there is no way they would offer \$5000 for that.

Charles Marquardt: 340 West Mahanoy Avenue?

Randy Robertson: Yes.

Edward Burns: So, you're here because you want to purchase the property?

Randy Robertson: I want to buy the lot once the building is torn down. I want the lot and the garage that's on it. Also, I have picture of 342 which is to my left. Which is another property, both of those properties have been empty for over 14 years. 342, the roof is leaking, it is doing damage to my wall inside. So they had no knowledge of what state it was in to see if I could make a bid in person. I'm trying to protect my investment. So, I would try, if nothing else, jut to put a roof on it to keep from doing damage to my home. Right now, overtime, when we first moved in you couldn't tell. There was a crack, but you couldn't tell. Now it is starting to bulge out and you can see more and more water damage. You know because we got a lot of rain, a lot of snow over the last few months. So you can really see that it's doing damage to my interior wall now.

Charles Marquardt: Have you filed any reports with the code enforcement department at all or anything?

Randy Robertson: No. No but I talked to, I think his name is Bill. I talked with him and everything I am bringing to you now, he is on board with. I actually organized a letter. I wrote the letter to the school board and said I was following up with pictures. He and the gentleman that was his assistant, they were the ones who instructed me to write the letter to see if I could get the properties at a cheaper price. However to save money and because what they are telling me is, the cost would be to tear those 2 places down would not be worth trying to save it all. I don't want my house torn down because of those two. I much rather have the Borough tear 341 down. It is pretty much already down and is really dangerous. I mean the boards are soft. Part of it is already falling into mine so I'm afraid of that. I have Home Owners insurance and everything, but I'd rather not have to use

it. What I would like is for that to be torn down and the immediate opportunity to buy that lot. There is also a garage on that lot, which I would actually like to keep. That would be less you have to worry about tearing down. I would like to purchase that. At 342, again like I said, the water damage that is happening to my house. I would like to be able to purchase that as well. Put a roof on that to protect my investment. Then at some point, I mean its full of stuff. There is a guy squatting in there. For the life of me I don't know what he could be doing in there. At least that day, at least 2:00 or 3:00 in the morning I had to yell at him. "Hey, yo, you're not even supposed to be in there. So sit down, be quiet. He did but still I don't know what he is doing in there. I don't want anything he is doing to affect me. You know what I mean? What I'm proposing is if 341 is on the demolition list, could we please move forward with getting that done. So that then I can make a bid on that property and find out where what is the standing of 342. I know where to move from here. The school board said tonight, that if 342 was to come before them, for me to come right back and see them. They would consider whatever bid I offer. You know what I mean. As of right now it is not theirs and they don't know where it stands. They directed me to come see you. I can't do anything there until.

Edward Burns: Are they on the demolition list?

Randy Robertson: They are not.

Charles Marquardt: Ok. So we will have to look into these. If you could give us your name and phone number, I'll pass it on to the code department and let them advise us on what we're going to do there. What remains to be done, who the owners currently are of the properties and stuff like that.

Randy Robertson: I was told the school board owned them. That's why I had to go but they say they have nothing to do with 342. They don't know where it stands. They have 341 on their agenda actually, because of this bid from Fresh Start. They have like 500 places they bid on. So you can tell that they're flippers. They are looking to buy places and just flip them. You saw the pictures. Who would pay \$5000 for that?

Charles Marquardt: So they're offering \$5000 for that property? Yes, this right here.

Did we already put that on the Demo List? 341?

Judith Mehlbaum: Yeah, was that one of the ones we just had?

We did get something from the school, I know that. They offered \$5,000.00? The schoolboard said to me, unfortunately we don't have a bid. He said we have to consider their bid. I said "well I'm asking you not to consider them. Because all they're going to do is buy it and not do anything with it. Then it's just going to sit there." You can honestly tell that they have not come out and looked. First of all they couldn't even see the damage. That place is coming into my yard. You know what I mean?

They just said come back out to see us about this so they are hoping to see what our... Right, to see if it is on the demolition list or not. Exactly.

Then to see where 342 stands.

Charles Marquardt: Ok. Can we get a copy of this?

Randy Robertson: You can keep...

Charles Marquardt: Ok thank you.

Randy Robertson: You have my name already, right? Phone? It's (484) 721-3733.

Josephine Heffner: Last name?

Randy Robertson: Robertson. R O B E R T S O N.

Judith Mehlbaum: Mr. Robertson, if you have a guy squatting there, please call the police.

Randy Robertson: Like I said, when I bought the place, I bought it from the Cope's. she is pretty, notorious in here from what I'm told.

Edward Burns: You're right.

Randy Robertson: Anyway, she told me who the guy that's squatting in there is. His parents use to own the place. So he doesn't seem to be any trouble. So, which is why I haven't called the police.

Judith Mehlbaum: But if there is no water, no sewer... Please call the police line if he is any problem.

Randy Robertson: Ok, he is in there every week. He is in there 2, 3 times a week. You know what I mean?

Charles Marquardt: Thank you sir.

Randy Robertson: Thank, you guys. I look forward to hearing from you.
Have a good evening.

Charles Marquardt: Moving on. Does anyone have anything else?
Pull the reports.

Motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting:

Edward Burns: Motion.

Frederick McDonald: Seconded

Charles Marquardt: Motion on the floor. Questions? All those in favor?

“Aye’s.”

Charles Marquardt: No’s if any, the aye’s have it.

Treasurer’s Report:

General fund balance is \$26,053.39. Payroll fund is \$16526.95. Permit fund is \$46968. Motor fund is \$24566.71. School building fund is \$972. _____ day grant fund is \$1811.22. Covid fund is \$55971.54. Escrow is \$21,409.30. MidPenn is \$16,644. Investment account is \$106.24. “Respectfully submitted, April 13, 2022. Josephine Heffner, Secretary Treasurer. **I need a motion to accept the treasurer report as read.**

Frederick McDonald: Motion on the floor.

Joseph Kessler: Second.

Charles Marquardt: Questions? All those in favor?

“Aye’s.”

No’s if any, the Aye’s have it.

Tax Collector’s Report:

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Charles Marquardt: I guess we have two. One is for \$20,247.15 and the other is for \$15,824.90. Correct? I need a motion to accept the tax collector's report and also to pay the tax collector.

Edward Burns: I make the motion.

Charles Marquardt: Motion on the floor.

Joseph Kessler: Second.

Charles Marquardt: Questions? All those in favor?

"Aye's"

No's if any, the Aye's have it.

Mayor Police Report:

Judith Mehlbaum: All I have for the Mayor's report is on Friday at 4:00 we have the Easter Bunny going through town. So, anyone that has kids, get your kids out to see the Easter Bunny. Friday at 4:00. I have the police report for traffic citations and ordinance. There were 15 given out. Traffic and parking violations, warnings were 197. There were 14 incidents, there were 3 arrests, identified and placed advisory notices on 37 abandoned vehicles. 34 vehicles were voluntarily moved from the streets, 4 had to be towed and impounded after proper identification and warnings. They escorted the Girardville parade. Employed a total of 9 police officers to this detail. The event was enjoyed by most. The street cleaners were escorted by the police to prep for the parade. 28 vehicles were moved voluntarily, 2 vehicles were towed. Again, we have 2 officers detailed to escort Mr. Bunny on Friday. They are updating all their NPI and pa reports and filings. Updated all the State Police certifications and licenses and permits and inventoried and calibrated all the Borough police equipment.

Charles Marquardt: The Mayor police report. Motion to accept it.

Edward Burns: I motion.

Motion on the floor.

Brian Dempsey: Second.

Any questions? All those in favor?

“Aye’s”

Charles Marquardt: No’s if any, the aye’s have it.

Code Enforcement Report:

Charles Marquardt: There were 6 occupancies approved. There was no further report. I need a motion to accept the code officer’s report.

Edward Burns: I motion.

Charles Marquardt: Motion on the floor.

Brian Dempsey: Second.

All those in favor?

“Aye’s”

Charles Marquardt: No’s if any, the aye’s have it.

Fire Chief’s 1st Quarter Report:

Charles Marquardt: We need a motion to accept the report.

Edward Burns: I motion.

Motion on the floor.

Joseph Kessler: Second.

All those in favor?

“Aye’s”

Charles Marquardt: No’s if any, the aye’s have it. Frank, do you need me to add anything here? That we need to know.

Frank Zangari: You got the information for these 2 hydrants on the avenue?

Charles Marquardt: Yes. Yes and we are prepared for that.

Frank Zangari: They were both motor vehicle accidents.

Charles Marquardt: Yes, there is a letter prepared for that. So, I'm going to send it out to them.

Permit Report:

Charles Marquardt: There are no permits to report for the month. I apologize here: Back to the:

Code Enforcement Report:

Charles Marquardt: There were 4 occupancy permits were initiated and 4 being closed unconditionally and there were 5 quality of life tickets issued. Year to date, 14, there were 8 complaints and there were 10 follow ups. That is in addition to the other report. They were put in 2 different folders here. So I need a motion to accept this part and the other part of the code enforcement officer's report.

Edward Burns: I motion.

Motion on the floor.

Frederick McDonald: Second.

All those in favor?

"Aye's"

Charles Marquardt: No's if any, the aye's have it.

Bills To Be Paid:

General Fund: The total is \$6,742.70, that went out paying bills for the month.

Motor Fund: We had a total of \$2,777.02.

USDA Grant: The loan payoff, we had \$688.78

School Fund: We had a total of \$276.54

Transferred from the General: To the school \$500, into the USDA \$2,500, into the payroll \$20,000. Correct?

Josephine Heffner: Yes.

Charles Marquardt: Anyone who wants to look over the bills, or see a copy of the bills, please see us at the end of the meeting. We're not going to read them all now.

Annetta Whitecavage: There's copies right here.

Charles Marquardt: There are copies out on the table. If anyone has any question, please see us. I need a motion to accept the bills.

Edward Burns: Motion.

Motion on the floor.

Frederick McDonald: Second.

All those in favor.

"Aye's"

Charles Marquardt: No's if any, the aye's have it.

Unfinished business:

On the generator, all the wiring, everything is in. The only thing they're waiting on is PPL. PPL has to come in and do a shutdown. So they can take the old one out, put the new one in and fire it back up. It's going to take about 2 hours for the whole process. So PPL has to be onsite. Once he gets the permits and everything initiated with PPL, he will notify us. At that time we will have to shut the Borough down. Maybe that will only be a couple of hours until the transaction is all completed and it is all tested. That is the only thing he is waiting on is PPL. He is

trying to get back in contact with them again, to see if they have any kind of update on when they would be able to get here.

New Business:

***Resolution #4-13-22**, to update the ordinance 2005-1 tax collector's fee to \$15 for tax certification and \$10 for issuing a duplicate tax bill. I need a motion for that.

Edward Burns: I'll make the motion.

Motion on the floor.

Brian Dempsey: Second.

Questions? All those in favor?

"Aye's"

Charles Marquardt: No's if any, the aye's have it.

*We also have a motion here to: **Update the Ordinance for Handicap Parking:** From \$50 to \$75.

Edward Burns: I'll make the motion.

Motion on the floor.

Joseph Kessler: Second.

On the question, all those in favor?

"Aye's".

This has to do with the cost of purchasing the signs and stuff. We're still looking into the fact of possibly issuing out handicapped parking spots for the individual with their permit number on the thing. Like the other municipalities do. We don't know, we're still investigating and researching this so we don't know if that is

going to be a thing or not. As of right now the cost of everything, we had to increase the cost on the application.

***Starting May 1st the ashes** will be picked up on Fridays only, until the winter rolls around again.

***It was brought to our attention that a Citizen had the Blueprints from the School on A Street.** The Borough doesn't have the original copy of these blueprints on file. So who is looking into this?

Solicitor Arlen Day: We gave the opportunity for the gentleman to deliver them to the Borough. He declined, so I'm going to send a letter to him. If that he doesn't provide them, then we're going to have the police address it.

Robbie Krick: Can I interject? Because I'm the person we're talking about.

Solicitor Arlen Day: All right.

Robbie Krick: Simple fact is where it says that the Borough doesn't have a set of originals. There isn't a set here?

Edward Burns: No, we looked for them.

Robbie Krick: What happened to them? There were 2 sets.

Edward Burns: Let me speak! You mentioned that you have them. Prints for the school, not once, 5 times.

Robbie Krick: Yeah, I did. Let me explain why. Simply there was 2 sets of prints. We're going back 20 years. We're not going back 5 years or 6 years. I was on council. There was 2 sets of prints. One was in Don Cuff's possession, the other was in that closet. In the borough's possession. Cuff brought his back. Don said I don't need them. The borough, at that time, decided to discard that set of prints. I took them, simply so they wouldn't be discarded. They are now part of the Historical Society's Collection. Now there was another set. There was 2 sets of original prints. It was decided by council to discard one set. That set is the set I took possession of rather than letting it get throw in the dumpster. It is now part of the Historical Society's Collection.

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Solicitor Arlen Day: So you would be happy to let us make a copy, right? You will be happy to let us make a copy?

Robbie Krick: Yeah.

Solicitor Arlen Day: All right.

Edward Burns: Twenty years ago I had them in my hand when I was doing the work for the school. We just looked for them.

Solicitor Arlen Day: Just so we get a copy, that's fine. That works.

Robbie Krick: Ok.

Charles Marquardt: Thanks Rob.

*The next issue we have an **Emergency Storm Drain on East Mahanoy Avenue**. The quote was \$5,750 from E.K. Services. Edward, you can explain what happened there and what transpired.

Edward Burns: There was a culvert that busted and they didn't do it. There was, the front part was inside the culvert. It was on the State right of way so I figured the State would have the pay for it. But that's not the way it goes. They supplied us the culvert. A1 Services said they would put it in for us and I think they gave us a quote tonight. This will be paid by the Covid money.

Charles Marquardt: But this is E&K, A1 didn't do it.

Edward Burns: I'm sorry, did I say A1? E&K is going to do it.

Charles Marquardt: They gave us a quote?

Edward Burns: Yes, they supplied a quote for \$7,550. They did it, it's done. \$5,750, yeah.

Charles Marquardt: So, we need a motion then to approve the quote of \$5,750 for the replacement of the storm drain located on East Mahanoy Avenue. Where they are putting the current water main in.

Edward Burns: I'll make the motion.

Motion on the floor.

Joseph Kessler: Second.

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Charles Marquardt: On the question. All those I favor.

"Aye's."

No's if any, the aye's have it.

Solicitor Arlen Day: I thought we already did that. Just making sure.

Charles Marquardt: Just put it on the agenda so everybody knows.

Solicitor Arlen Day: That's fine.

***Charles Marquardt:** We are also: **Applying for a Grant from Senator Casey's Office** to cover the 2 heating systems in the building here, the 2 new bathrooms and the exterior doors on the building. Each one is separate. Each one requires a 25% match from the Borough. We don't know if we, we put the paperwork, everything is in. We don't know if we'll get any or anything like that. Basically, we are looking to replace the heating system. The heating system is in bad shape. So, we've already applied for other grants for it too. With the help of Senator Argall and Representative Twardzik, they wrote letters for us on behalf of that grant. For the other one I should say. So, we are just waiting to hear back. Now we were told by our Engineer and I guess MaryBeth would know more about it. The LSA grant that has been pushed out now, from what Don told us.

Mary Beth Dougherty: What do you mean pushed out?

Charles Marquardt: The dates we originally got and when it was supposed to be the final finish date. The dates they said it had to be in by. When they were going to be put out by. When they were going to be awarded. Blah, blah, blah until the end of the year. Well Don said now he got a thing where it was pushed out until next year.

Mary Beth Dougherty: I don't know the answer to it, but I know it's through DFA and they constantly delay grants.

Charles Marquardt: I believe if I'm correct on it, there is over a thousand and they're only going to award out 300.

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Mary Beth Dougherty: Well, it's not statewide. We've been told it's going to be very competitive. They expected a hundred application when the application period opened up.

Charles Marquardt: So, we are applying for any grants that become available, to see what we can do for our system.

Yes, the next step would be we found out that can use our Covid fund to replace the heating system if we so need to. So we're just trying to hold back on that as much as we can. So, if we can do some more storm culverts and stuff in the Borough that are in poor shape. Either, or we're going to make, somewhere down the road in the next couple of months we're going to make a decision as to, we're still getting quotes on the heating system. Our engineer is working on that too. So as soon as we know something we will pass it on to the community.

* In June, it's time to **Renew the Health Plan from Geisinger**. We had a Rep here, we discussed some issues. We are looking at others so we're waiting to see the competitiveness. See what's happening. The price, of course, is going up like anything else. We are currently covering one full time employee on it and it's costing us almost \$1,400 a month. So, we're just trying to see what we can do to keep things going. To keep the benefits and stuff. We're just trying to see if there is anything we can do. So we are checking into it. We should have more to follow on that once we get all the quotes.

*The **USDA Grant**, I brought up before, the final thing was \$688.78 and then our loan for the month every month will be \$871. That's on the roof and the backhoe. So we will be paying that for 5 years. \$871 a month, it's on the 23rd of every month.

*The next is, there will be, supposedly a **Summer Career Link Program** for the kids this year. In the borough we currently understand we have 4 applicants that are willing to come to work. We met with the lady; she is getting all the reviews to see if the kids are willing to do it. They did apply but she needs to get all the background, all the paperwork completed. They could possibly start as quick as May 31st. So we will wait to see if that's the case or the following week, or how

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many we are getting. There are currently, that she knows of tight now, 4 have put in for it in our borough.

*The **Surveillance for Mosquitoes with West Nile Virus** will occur a few times a month until late October. There will be traps placed around our borough to catch mosquitoes, for 24 hours at a time. So if anybody sees these things or have any concerns they can call the borough.

Charles Marquardt: Don't touch them. Please don't touch them.

* Next is, we are looking into bids either to **Buy or Lease a New Copier** for the municipality. The one we have is over 5 years old and parts are getting hard to get. We just had to get it serviced and we were lucky. But they told us it's time and Judy, you could possibly use one. Then they have a program where they come in and maintain it. After 5 years, depending on what you have they just change them out and bring a new in for you. We're checking both options so hopefully by next week we will have all that information also.

Correspondence:

Is just a bunch of letters and flyers, nothing of importance.

Reports from Committees:

***Street Committee:**

Charles Marquardt: Nothing to report?

Edward Burns: They made some progress over there in the GAMA building. Even should possibility be done, maybe this week. Over there? They have other work. They can come back around. They have 73 laterals they got to put in.

***Police Committee:**

Charles Marquardt: Yeah, I was going to bring that up. Also under the police committee, nobody has noticed, that back when we had the roof put on the building. When the guy was here with the high reach and stuff and of course it was cold, warm, cold they made a mess out there. So in response to it they hired a contractor. The contractor came and did all the work, everything was good. Looked good. Everything was good. Last Saturday at 5:30 in the evening somebody decided to go around the back of the building, come around here, come up, dug it all back up here, turned back around and went back out. We do have all the information, including the license plate number and our police department is currently working on it. I also contacted the landscaper today and he is emailing a copy of it, he came and looked at it, to see what the cost would be to have it repaired. So councilman Kessler suggested maybe there is something we need to put down here, by the garage, to stop them from going around the building of course. With a vehicle, put it that way. But it's a small SUV. I believe it was a small SUV.

Judith Mehlbaum: It was a car, wasn't it an ATV that did it?

Charles Marquardt: Our police department is contacting the neighbors in the area to see if they saw or heard anything. It happened, according to the cameras, at 5:30 last Saturday afternoon.

Judith Mehlbaum: They made a hell of a mess.

Charles Marquardt: Yeah. If anybody goes out, go to this side of the building, you'll see exactly. The contractor said it looks worse now than it did when the guy drove the, of course he had no choice because he was putting the roof on, but it's a mess. It is being investigated. Anything else under any committees?

***School Committee:**

Anything with the school?

Charles Marquardt: I'll open the floor for public comment.

Annetta Whitecavage: I just want to make a report on the banners. We did get eight banners this year. We're having a banner meeting May 10th at 7:00. If it's ok to use this building? And on May 12th to get the banners ready here to put up on the 14th if we can use the room here to do it. John Groody will be here on Saturday May 14th at 8:00 to put all the banners up. So we will have 93 up now. A total of 93 banners through the borough. Anyone who didn't pay their \$50 fee from last year to have them put up and down, if they would kindly do that. So we have money in reserve for any problem. That's about it. Anyone who wants to come to the meeting or help us just let me know.

Charles Marquardt: What time is the banner meeting here on the 12th?

Annetta Whitecavage: On the 12th, 7:00.

Charles Marquardt: 7:00 pm, and when are you putting them up again?

Annetta Whitecavage: The 14th at 8:00 am.

Charles Marquardt: June 14th.

Annetta Whitecavage: May 14th.

Charles Marquardt: May 14th, ok.

Judith Mehlbaum: Do you need the police for escort for that?

Annetta Whitecavage: The fire police usually do it but if they want to come they can. We usually have the fire police. Ray usually does it.

Judith Mehlbaum: Ok.

Annetta Whitecavage: We just have my car, one other car and of course the utility truck. The other thing I have. I just want to add to Judy's announcement about the Easter Bunny. The Easter Bunny is being brought by Disting's Adventure Land. The all inclusive park for Autistic and special needs kids. The Easter Bunny is being sponsored by Mary Alice Smith, with Precious Moments, Myself and McDonald's Lunch. They're the ones paying for him to come through town. Just so you are aware, thank them if you see them. Make sure all the kids are out so that their money is well spent.

Charles Marquardt: Thanks Annetta, we appreciate that very much. We need a motion to allow the banner committee to use the Borough hall for their meetings and whatever they need to have done in the months of May and June.

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Charles Marquardt: If everybody agrees we will put it out there, but we want it put where the cameras can see.

Mary Beth Dougherty: That is kind of what we figured when we got to the point where _____ helped construction. If Girardville granted permission it would make the most sense over here. That's why we figured Borough Hall would probably be the place for it.

Charles Marquardt: So, can I get a motion from council, to allow the Ashland Library to put the mobile library out in front of the Borough hall?

Joseph Kessler: Yeah, make the motion.

Motion on the floor.

Brian Dempsey: Second.

All those's in favor.

"Aye's."

Charles Marquardt: No's if any, the aye's have it. Anybody else have anything? Yes?

Julie Rutko: I don't know if the Borough can do anything about this or not. The last time the food pantry was at the school, they were coming out with their cars, where the pavement meets the ramp. There is a crack and hole there. They are having a really hard time getting their carts up and over that hole. Could the Borough throw something there?

Charles Marquardt: Yeah. It's coming up the ramp out of the school down to the pavement at the school.

Yeah, right at the ramp yeah.

Kyle Hause: Where they both meet. Ok, we'll take a look at that tomorrow Judy.

Judith Mehlbaum: Thanks.

Kyle Hause: You're welcome.

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Edna Labey: Back at the school down there where they bring the food outside. But remember where it use to go in?

Charles Marquardt: Yeah.

Edna Labey: There are very, very few lights I that hall. Those lights are all burned out. There is only one light that goes on in that hallway. I even asked, what do you call it. I don't know if they're great big ones or what. I don't know what size bulbs they are. They could use a little bit of light in there. If they're even working.

Charles Marquardt: Ok, I'll have them look. Check that out tomorrow.

Kyle Hause: I'm not sure exactly what she means. Are you talking at the school?

Edna Labey: Yeah. Down where the food pantry is, on that end.

Kyle Hause: The food pantry is at this end?

Edna Labey: Yeah, yeah.

Kyle Hause: All right.

Edna Labey: There is a door in the middle.

Kyle Hause: There are no lights there? There was a _____ truck stuck there. I didn't want to pull him out with Borough truck. There was a lady in it. I was coming down to see if I could get permission. I didn't know who she was. I didn't know it was a food bank, to be honest. She was stuck in the grass up there. Then I found out while I was there it was the food pantry. I was just a little nervous about hooking the strap to her and ripping her out.

Edna Labey: She has to stop parking there.

Charles Marquardt: We, will take a look at that tomorrow and that hole out in front there, to get that corrected.

Annetta Whitecavage: Speaking of the food pantry. Food distribution from Healthy Heart is Monday at 11:00

Charles Marquardt: Monday at 11:00, ok. Anybody have anything else?

I entertain **motion to adjourn.**

Edward Burns: Motion

Motion on the floor.

Brian Dempsey: Second

Charles Marquardt: Vote:

“Ayes”

Motion Carried.

Next Meeting: June 8, 2022

Respectfully submitted,

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Regular Meeting

Place: Municipal Bldg. Date: May 11, 2022 Time: 7:30 pm

OPEN MEETING

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

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Brian Dempsey, Frederick McDonald, Edward Burns, Mayor Judith Mehlbaum, Charles Marquardt, Solicitor Arlen Day, Josephine Heffner.

Members Absent: Joseph Kessler.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA:

Mary Beth Dougherty: 25 West Ogden is currently not on the Land Bank's list for demolition. The reason for that is because it is in the middle of the road and because of a problematic neighbor.

Charles Marquardt: The letter we received said that there were two phases.

Mary Beth Dougherty: The problem with that is that there won't be any money left over.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS:

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

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

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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 Frederick McDonald. **Vote: All. Motion Carried.**

Mayor/Police Report: Mayor Judith Mehlbaum stated that our Police are currently upgrading interagency agreements, collating and submitting mandatory reports for PSP and FBI. Had several neighboring departments meetings with other towns and PSP.

We are currently working on upgrading the computer and incident documenting system for the Police Department.

During patrol an officer discovered a fugitive wanted by Schuylkill County Task Force, the subject was also in possession of dangerous narcotics and paraphernalia. Subject was arrested and transported to detectives without incident.

Drug Investigation yielded dangerous drugs and paraphernalia. This investigation is ongoing and charges are to be filed.

Girardville Police Department was investigating a fugitive that was convicted of sexual assault of an 8-year old female. The subject was believed to be armed and dangerous. The defendant was hiding in multiple houses within the Borough and failed to elude Officers. Girardville Officer along with PA State Police pursued the subject on foot where he ran across railroad tracks before breaking into several homes. The subject was tracked by a Girardville Officer to the roof to of a Girardville residence at which time he was threatening suicide. He was successfully talked off the roof by Girardville Officers and was safely taken into custody and transported to the prison.

There are three death investigations, 19 traffic citations were issued, 148 warnings issued, 3 non-traffic citations and 29 incidents.

There were 5 arrests made:

- 1) Criminal Mischief / Destruction of Borough Property.
- 2) Located a missing and exploited teen that was reported out of Philadelphia. The Officer encountered multiple obstacles, one being a fault in the reporting system that failed to identify the teen also, the teen had changed her appearance and provided false information. The Girardville Officer successfully identified and stopped a suicide attempt that was in progress by the teen. She was safely taken into custody and transported by EMS to the hospital for treatment and evaluation.
- 3) As ongoing investigation by the police revealed the trafficking of multiple dangerous firearms and a network of felons, prohibited by law to possess these high power and lethal firearms. Approximately 27 firearms have been seized. This is an ongoing investigation which include the PSP and ATF.
- 4) Investigating an animal cruelty case, there were 4 cats and 1 dog rescued and placed into veterinarian care. This investigation led to the discovery of a network of patterns of cruelty to multiple animals. The rescued animals were in poor health and were placed in the care of the ASPCA.

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

Code Enforcement Officer's Report: There were 5 Occupancies approved. Motion to accept the Code Enforcement Officer's Report was made by Frederick McDonald and seconded by Brian Dempsey. **Vote: All. Motion Carried.**

Permit Officer's Report: None.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a. Generator is still scheduled to be completed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. A motion to purchase a chop saw for \$1,200.00 was made by Frederick McDonald and seconded by Brian Dempsey. Can be paid for out of the Motor Fund. **Vote: All. Motion Carried.**
- b. A motion to purchase two eight-foot gates for a total of \$225.00 (1-Paper Road) (1-Island) was made by Frederick McDonald and seconded by Brian Dempsey. **Vote: All. Motion Carried.**
- c. The motion to submit an application for the Schuylkill County Block Grant for 2022 was made by Frederick McDonald and seconded by Brian Dempsey. **Vote: All. Motion Carried.**
- d. There are two properties listed on the Schuylkill County Land Bank's Demolition List (25 W Ogden St and 119 South William St).
Mary Beth Dougherty: 25 West Ogden is not on the Demolition List.
- e. There are four properties listed on the Schuylkill County's Courthouse Demolition List (239, 241 and 241 A St. and 101 North Richard St). 101 North Richard St is completed.
Waiting on Affordable Contracting to give a date on the other three properties.
- f. The estimate to repair the ruts in the turf is \$750.00 and will be paid by the gentlemen who did the damage.
- g. Some of the rough estimates from our Engineer for the stormwater work are (\$7,500.00 for 2nd and Beech St's.) (\$12,000.00 for Vine and C St's.) (\$7,500.00 for Ogden and Richard St's). These projects will be covered by the COVD funds.
Alex Gregis: Water coming in by his house on 398 Main St (on Julia St). Needs a Storm Drain on the corner. (Not Butler Twp.)
Charles Marquardt: This could be a project under CDBG.

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**NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON:
Wednesday June 8th, 2022 at 7:30 pm.**

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Regular Meeting

Place: Municipal Bldg. **Date:** June 8, 2022 **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 Judith Mehlbaum, 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 Frederick McDonald. **Vote: All. Motion Carried.**

Treasurer's Report: Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report made by Frederick McDonald,, 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 Joseph Kessler. **Vote: All. Motion Carried.**

Mayor/Police Report: Mayor Judith Mehlbaum stated that there were 10 Citations and Ordinances, 102 Traffic and Parking Violations- warnings issued, 18 Incidents, 4 Arrests, 2

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Burglary Investigations and 2 Theft Investigations. There were 17 abandoned vehicles identified and given Advisory Notices. 15 Vehicles were voluntarily removed and 2 Have been towed and impounded after proper notification and warnings. The Police conducted multiple speed and Safety Programs on Main Street and Mahanoy Avenue and targeted safety and Speed programs were initiated. Multiple community Outreach Programs targeting the Youth. There are 2 active drug investigations. 1 DUI was given. The police are updating all FBI and PA reports and filings. All State Police certifications, licenses and permits were updated. The Borough Police Equipment were inventoried and calibrated. A motion to accept the Mayor/Police Report was made by Edward Burns and seconded by Joseph Kessler. **Vote: All. Motion Carried.**

Code Enforcement Officer's Report: There were a total of 4 Occupancies, 3 Citations and 5 Quality of Life Tickets. Motion to accept the Code Enforcement Officer's Report was made by Edward Burns and seconded by Frederick McDonald. **Vote: All. Motion Carried.**

Permit Officer's Report: 1 Permit was Issued. A motion to accept the Permit Report was made by Edward Burns and seconded by Frederick McDonald. **Vote: All. Motion Carried.**

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a. A motion was made by Joseph Kessler and seconded by Brian Dempsey to pay Albarell Electric the balance for the Generator. **Vote: All. Motion Carried.**

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. A motion to give permission to Schuylkill County Office of Solid Waste & Recycling to continue the use of our site behind the A Street School for this year's fall clean-up was made by Edward Burns and seconded by Frederick McDonald. **Vote: All. Motion Carried.**
- b. A motion to accept the estimate pf \$1,900.00 from Ron Troy for the sidewalk on Second and Main Street at the passive park was made by Edward Burns and seconded by Joseph Kessler. **Vote: All. Motion Carried.**
- c. The motion to issue a Solicitation Permit to a Gentleman who sells Children's Books for learning, etc. was made by was made by Edward Burns and seconded by Frederick McDonald. **Vote: All. Motion Carried.**
- d. A motion to hire Mike Soucheck on a part time employee basis for 32 hours per week was made by Joseph Kessler and seconded by Edward Burns. **Vote: All. Motion Carried.**

anybody has seen the back of 227. The whole back half of the house is missing. I talked to the people at 229, they said it has been going on for years. On the parcel locator, there is a picture of it from 1995 and it was boarded up. So, we are going almost thirty years that it has looked like that. The back is pretty much gone. There are rodents, cats, rats, pretty much everything. I know that they are affecting McDonald's and the lady next door at 229. I notice that there is quite a bit of that through town. That's messed up for us, property owners. As a property owner in Guntown, I highly encourage if people complain. I hope you all know that I live within 15 miles of here. What happens now, is the one who owns 227 gets it on the sale list. I look at properties and I pretty much let go of ones that are like this. This person is pretty much not allowed to purchase in a lot of counties. There are a lot of properties up for sale, a lot just like this. People just come in and purchase them and don't live within a twenty mile radius. And they don't care about their properties. Anybody who can give me help with this property, I would appreciate it.

20. **Solicitor Arlen Day:** I tried to get something done about it years ago. The problem with the Commissioner if the Engineer said that at that point we needed the owner of the property didn't sign off. The money was available, but I doubt that it is still there.
21. **Charles Marquardt:** Now what happens is that he puts all of those properties under Chapter 11 and claims bankruptcy. That is exactly what he did now.
22. **Edward Burns:** That are a couple like that on the Avenue.
23. **Charles Marquardt:** Well, the one is on repository list. The other one is that Joe. He's waiting for the one to fall down. Now he has a whole new set of blueprints and an engineer. This guy has been at court for years. I just can't see that there is an engineer out there who would give him new blueprints. He is from Pottsville, Charlie Yourshaw.
24. **Danny Cress:** Cope just turned three or four over to his daughter.
25. **Charles Marquardt:** We can ban him and his family from Girardville, right? So he doesn't turn them over to his family and they still have possession. We will do like other towns do, ban him and anybody who is associated with him.
26. **Solicitor Arlen Day:** I know that you can ban him. Let me check into it.
27. **Charles Marquardt:** Well if he is turning them over to his daughter, she's not maintaining it, then we are still in the same boat. I am sure that the other Boroughs are like that.
28. **Mayor Judith Mehlbaum:** I understand that once they obtain it, they have 365 days to maintain it. But then three or four months down the line, they can flip it, then the whole process starts again. Then they flip it and the 365 days starts all over again.
29. **Mary Beth Dougherty:** Then they need to be legally condemned. At one time the condemnation was only on the property owners. I learned this from the Harrisburg office. The Last few years, we were able to get this changed and it needs to be attached to the deed in the courthouse. And when the property is sold, the orders stay. But, once the property is fixed it can be lifted from the deed.
30. **Mayor Judith Mehlbaum:** It's a vicious cycle, you are damned if you do and damned if you don't.
31. **Annetta Whitecavage:** So when a property is condemned then it has to be legally uncondemned?

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32. **Solicitor Arlen Day:** If the county would get off their asses and do the right thing. There are houses that are condemned and the county needs to keep them off the sale list. If only the county would stop selling them to people.
 33. **Charles Marquardt:** Here's what we are doing now, the borough and the county are working with the school district and these properties that are condemned will be taken off the judicial sale. I would imagine that the Land Bank knows something.
 34. **Mary Beth Dougherty:** The list from the Land Bank is not what this is for. That list is of properties that are going to judicial sale. The Land Bank wanted to know if any of the municipalities wanted them. Whether it would be for demolition purposes, or whatever. The Land Bank acquired them before the judicial sale. Some of these properties are on the demolition list. The one we are doing in Girardville is in repository. What about the one on William Street?
 35. **Charles Marquardt:** Originally they told us that they were coming down at the end of June. But now, it is going to be pushed up again. I don't know if he is having problems with the contractor, or what is going on? They are covered and they are coming down. I can only tell you what the county is telling me. Anybody have anything else?

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

A motion to adjourn was made by Edward Burns and seconded by Frederick McDonald. Vote: All. Motion carried.

**NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON:
Wednesday August 10, 2022.**

Respectively submitted,
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Regular Meeting

Place: Municipal Bldg. Date: July 13, 2022 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 Judith Mehlbaum, Charles Marquardt, Solicitor Arlen Day, Josephine Heffner.

Members Absent: Frederick McDonald

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA:

None

APPROVAL OF REPORTS:

Minutes: Motion to accept Minutes of the previous meeting made by Edward Burns, seconded by Joseph Kessler. **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.**

Mayor/Police Report: Mayor Judith Mehlbaum stated that there were 107 Warnings issued, 15 Citations, 5 Arrests, 3 Burglaries (2 resolved, 1 still under investigation), 1 Vehicle Theft

(vehicle was recovered and person of interest is under ongoing investigation, 1 DUI Arrest, 2 Drug Arrests, 37 Abandoned vehicle towed, 11 Quality of Life Citations issued, 62 Quality of Life warnings issued, 5 Domestic complaints, 3 Call for assist with emotional disturbed persons threatening suicide and 9 Assists with other jurisdictions. Working with the state police and DA's office on multiple ongoing investigation. A motion to accept the Mayor/Police Report was made by Edward Burns and seconded by Joseph Kessler. **Vote: All. Motion Carried.**

The Rangers Hose Company is planning a **"National Night Out"** event on Tuesday, August 2nd 2022, from 6 to 8 pm. A motion was made by Edward Burns to close Ogden Street from Line to 2nd St and they requested that the Police Department joins them to help educate the Public and seconded by Brian Dempsey. **Vote: All. Motion Carried.**

Code Enforcement Officer's Report: There were a total of 4 Occupancies- 3 being closed, 0 Citations and 11 Quality of Life Tickets, There were 12 Complaints – 10 Follow-ups. 24 Houses were Posted Unfit for Human Habitation. Motion to accept the Code Enforcement Officer's Report was made by Edward Burns and seconded by Brian Dempsey. **Vote: All. Motion Carried.**

Permit Officer's Report: None.

Fire Chief's Report: Motion to accept the Fire Chief's Report was made by Brian Dempsey and seconded by Joseph Kessler. **Vote: All. Motion Carried.**

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: We are still waiting to hear about the demolition properties at 239 West Main, 241 and 241A west Main Street. The County Solicitor is in the process of taking the steps to resolve this matter.

The next thing up is a motion to send the application for the CDBG to the county to get new handicap doors for the municipal building. **A motion was made by Edward Burns and seconded by Joseph Kessler. Vote: All. Motion Carried.**

We need a motion to adopt a Resolution to send the CDBG application to the County. A motion was made by Joseph Kessler and seconded by Edward Burns. **Vote: All. Motion Carried.**

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. If any citizen finds something out of the ordinary, please come to the Borough to fill out a complaint form, which can be anonymous. Then code will be able to take care of it.
- b. A motion for a Repository Bid for 240 West Preston Avenue was put on the table (Under further investigation). Michael Grady's Property.
- c. A motion to get a street sweeper to clean the Borough is put on hold.
- d. A motion to approve that the initial fee for the Handicap Parking should increase to \$150.00 was made by Edward Burns and seconded by Brian Dempsey. **Vote: All. Motion Carried.**
- e. The GBA would like to thank the Mayor, Council and Borough workers for helping to make the Summer Camp a huge success. 97 children participated.
- f. A motion to give Edward Burns permission to bring a skid loader to clean up the property at 39 West Ogden Street was put on hold.
- g. A motion to authorize the Solicitor, Arlen Day to draw up two separate ordinances.
 - (1)- An ordinance for shipping containers to be regulated within the Borough
 - (2)- An ordinance to change the current code regulation which allows uninspected property renters to work inside their premises from 7am – 11pm changing the hours from 7am – 7pm, stating that there will be nobody allowed to stay overnight in these properties that have not been inspected by code was made by Joseph Kessler and seconded by Brian Dempsey. **Vote: All. Motion Carried.**
- h. We would like to acknowledge that the Ranger's Fire Company has obtained all the proper permits from the DEP for the "Fill" on the lot to remain in place and are now in compliance with all the government agencies. The issue is now closed. It cost them a lot of time and money
- i. A motion to approve the requests from Girard Hose Company #1, stated in their letter to the Borough Council regarding their annual Block Party to be held on August 19th and August 20th. A motion was made by Edward Burns and seconded by Joseph Kessler. **Vote: All. Motion Carried.**
- j. Career Link has a problem with their funding for their work experience program and has put a hold on anybody coming to our Borough for the Summer.
- k. The Ranger's Hose Company is planning a "National Night Out" event on Tuesday August 2nd, 2022, from 6 to 8 pm. We need a motion to close Ogden Street from Line to Second Street and they request the Police Department to Join them and help educate the public. A motion was made by Joseph Kessler and Seconded by Brian Dempsey. **Vote: All. Motion Carried.**
- l. Kyle Hause quit his position with the Borough on July 7th, 2022. We need a motion to accept that Kyle quit. A motion was made by Joseph Kessler and seconded by Brian Dempsey. **Vote: All. Motion Carried.**
We need a motion to hire Kenny Petusky to take his place. A motion was made by Joseph Kessler and seconded by Brian Dempsey. **Vote: All. Motion Carried.**
- m. A motion was made by Joseph Kessler and seconded by Brian Dempsey to approve that the property at 25 West Ogden should replace the property at 341 North Second Street listed on the Land Bank's Judicial Sale list, along With A Motion that the Borough will be addressing all future Recommendations from Our Municipality and our Representation on the Land Bank with the members of the Land Bank. **Vote: All. Motion Carried.**

- n. The GBA is replacing the doors between the School and the Gym. The doors will be locked, when not in use. A motion was made by Edward Burns and seconded by Joseph Kessler. **Vote: All. Motion Carried.**

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Letters, fliers and magazines.

REPORTS ON COMMITTEES, COUNCIL MEMBERS AND SOLICITOR: None

OPEN FLOOR TO PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Edna Labey wants to know when the speed bump will be fixed by her property. This issue is being resolved by Aqua, stated Charles Marquardt.
2. Randy Robertson was at the school district meeting, and he was denied for the property at 341 West Main Street. The school board is set on \$5,000.00 and anybody knows that the property is not worth it. The roof is leaking, and the water is coming on his property, that is why he wants to purchase it. Somebody needs to repair that roof. The place on the other side of my place is falling into my yard. They also want \$5,000.00 for that property. Charles Marquardt: these properties are on the Judicial Sale List, so you have to go to the courthouse and put a bid in on them. It has nothing to do with the Borough, you have to go to the courthouse. They will have an opening bid and then you place your bid. The sale is on August 22nd, 2022. I would imagine that you have to go to the Sale in order to submit a bid. Randy Robertson: there are trees and weeds all over the yards, growing all over the place. Can I take a chainsaw to the trees myself and haul them away. I am willing to do that. I can't see. Charles Marquardt: so, you want to go on the properties that you don't own. You have to get permission from the owner. Do not go on these properties until you own them. Because you have no idea what can happen. Frank Zangari: We spoke to the owner because he had a stack of garbage on the porch and an old couch. Randy Robertson: the couch is mine. Charles Marquardt: Well, you have to have it removed because it is not your property. Just so you understand. Code could site you now, for it.
3. Wendy Harheigh: We have a problem on Preston Avenue. We have a neighbor, I am not sure who the Landlord is. We are starting to get infested with rats. This property has lots of garbage, front and back. There is garbage in the middle of the street. We have to remove the garbage to get down onto the street. Last week their house was posted. They cleaned it up then, the next morning there was garbage all over, again. There are three garbage cans off to the side and instead of putting the garbage in the cans, they just throw it all over the place. There are rats coming from all over the property. My neighbor, Dave Rockwell killed five really big rats within the last month. For years, we had no problems and now, it

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is all coming back, again. Charles Marquardt: Please fill out that complaint form and get it back, right away. Then the code department can check it out. Another citizen: I can smell that garbage on Railroad Street from our back yard.

4. Robbie Krick: I got the report from the GAMA meeting, did the members of the Board get a raise. Judith Mehlbaum: Months ago. Robbie Krick: The Sewer Authority did it months ago? The Sewer Authority does not have the authority to issue a raise. The only one that can increase is the Borough Council. The salary increase does not take effect until a board member's term is up. They do not get the increase until their term runs out. Edward Burns: that is my fault. Robbie Krick: In the Sewer Authority's by-laws, it is very clear that is how it works. Edward Burns: we can retract that.
5. Charles Marquardt: Anything else?

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

A motion to adjourn was made by Edward Burns and seconded by Joseph Kessler.
Vote: All. Motion carried.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON:
Wednesday August 10, 2022.

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Regular Meeting

Place: Municipal Bldg. **Date:** August 10, 2022 **Time:** 7:30 pm

OPEN MEETING:

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Edward Burns.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Brian Dempsey, Joseph Kessler, Frederick McDonald, Mayor Judith Mehlbaum, Edward Burns, Solicitor Arlen Day, Josephine Heffner.

Members Absent: Charles Marquardt

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA:

None

APPROVAL OF REPORTS:

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

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

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Mayor/Police Report: Mayor Judith Mehlbaum stated that there were 14 Citations and Ordinances, 97 Traffic and Parking Violations Warnings, 48 Incidents, 5 Arrests, 2 Prowler Investigations and 3 Theft Investigations. Identified and placed advisory notices on 14 abandoned vehicles. 12 Vehicles were voluntarily moved and removed from Girardville streets and 2 have been towed and impounded after proper notification and warnings. Conducted multiple speed and safety programs on Main Street and Mahanoy Avenue, Targeted safety Speed programs initiated. Multiple community outreach programs targeting the youth. 3 Active Drug Investigations, 1 Felony stolen firearm identified, seized and recovered. 1 Animal Cruelty case. Apprehended one car thief and recovered the stolen auto. We are updating Juvenile database post our participation in an audit which found us to be compliant and proactive regarding juveniles. We updated all State Police certifications, licenses, permits. A motion to accept the Mayor/Police Report was made by Joseph Kessler and seconded by Brian Dempsey. **Vote: All. Motion Carried.**

Code Enforcement Officer's Report: None

Permit Officer's Report: There were a total of 3 Permits issued. A motion to accept the permit report was made by Frederick McDonald and seconded by Brian Dempsey. **Vote: All. Motion Carried.**

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a. There was a vote for a Repository Bid on 240 W Preston Ave. **A vote was conducted to approve or disapprove. Vote: All to Deny. Motion Carried.**
- b. A vote to get bids for a Street Sweeper was tabled until next month. A motion was made by Joseph Kessler and seconded by Brian Dempsey. **Vote: All. Motion Carried.**
- c. Career Link has funding for a student to start working on Monday August 8, 2022.
- d. A reminder that the Girard Hose's Annual Block Party will be held on August 19th and 20th, 2022.
- e. A motion to have the Fall Clean Up on September 15th through September 17th was made by Frederick McDonald and seconded by Brian Dempsey. **Vote: All. Motion Carried.**
- f. A motion for the Solicitor to draw up an ordinance to regulate the use of Shipping Containers within the Borough was made Joseph Kessler and seconded by Brian Dempsey. **Vote: All. Motion Carried.**
- g. A motion to have the Solicitor prepare an ordinance to change the hours that uninspected property owners/renters can work on the premises from 7am until 11pm to the hours of 7am until 7pm. Nobody shall stay overnight in an uninspected property. A motion was made by Brian Dempsey and seconded by Joseph Kessler. **Vote: All. Motion Carried.**

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A vote to advertise the new ordinances was made by Joseph Kessler and seconded by Brian Dempsey. **Vote: All. Motion Carried.**

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. A motion to advertise for a part-time clerk in the Republican Herald was made by Frederick McDonald and seconded by Brian Dempsey. **Vote: All. Motion Carried.**
- b. A motion to acquire 344 E Mahanoy Avenue so that the County will fund it to be a demo property was made by Frederick McDonald and was seconded by Brian Dempsey. **Vote: All. Motion Carried.**

Need a motion to approve final payment on the demo properties at 239 West Main Street, 241 and 241A West Main Street. A motion was made by Joseph Kessler and seconded by Brian Dempsey. **Vote: All. Motion Carried.**

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. **Letters, fliers and magazines.**

REPORTS ON COMMITTEES, COUNCIL MEMBERS AND SOLICITOR: None

OPEN FLOOR TO PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ed Labie: It has been a year-to-date since they left Shrub Alley where it meets 2nd Street, the way it is. They didn't leave any other street or driveway like that. They made up the excuse that they thought it was a private driveway. The problem is that they dug into Shrub Alley about 10 to 12 inches. They are contracted to patch every where that they dug, a certain distance and they didn't. My drain has a 6 inch drop, that someone walking by there at night steps off the edge and they will break their ankle. I twisted my ankle twice walking up that street. Shrub Alley is a street, it is not my driveway. I wanted to purchase it for years and I found out that I can't, because it doesn't have a parcel number. The Borough never condemned it so, it ain't my job to maintain the street. I have a property that we purchased sixty years ago. It's a corner property and I am supposed to have access from A Street and Shrub Alley. I am doing everything in my part, three years ago, I put the sidewalk in up there, I did everything that I was supposed to do. A company comes in and paves it and 10 inches away from my drain, they stopped the paving, like they couldn't blend into the drain. I was here a year ago and I have been patient, it's a year ago and they didn't do anything.

Edward Burns: It's on the list. No, it is not over.

Edna Labie: I have to lift the walker up over it.

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Ed Labie: Shrub Alley is the only place in Girardville with a speed bump.

Edward Burns: I will tell you what I was going to do, I was going to grab our new backhoe and I was going to get some modified and blend it in temporarily. I was told not to. Then you wouldn't have the bump.

Ed Labie: That was done a year ago. It should be fixed, there is no reason for that. All they had to pave was another two feet. It is just ridiculous. It creates a problem. I mean if I have to, I will pave Shrub Alley. Why should I have to maintain the street. If the Borough wants to sign it over to me, I will do that. It was August 11th when I took pictures with my phone. I came to the Council Meeting in 2021, we are one day short of a year. I was told that they would take care of it in the Spring, they were here for a couple of months and they never touched it.

Edna Labie: The guy from the STS walks me down the road there because it is so bad and he helped me get my walker up over that bump. It is the only damn speed bump in the whole town. I complained, sometimes when I get off the STS bus, I walk down my neighbor's yard. Because it is easier that way, than to try to walk down that street. You (Edward Burns) have seen it and Charlie has seen it, too. If I fall on that, I am going to sue and I will if I fall. I have enough heart problems without that.

Edward Burns: It's on the list to be done.

Ed Labie: I am not here every month complaining about it. It's been a year. This is a priority. At my cost, I put a handicap access to my sidewalk.

Judith Mehlbaum: I didn't even know that we had a Shrub Alley until now.

Ed Labie: Shrub Alley has been paved one time in the history of time, back in 1971 or 72. Shrub Alley on a map ran from the railroad, through the ballfield down to B Street. And the ballfield was built before the street was ever put in. So it dead ended there. For thirty years my parents had tried to purchase it and nobody could tell them why they couldn't. A few years ago, I got the correct answer, that there is no parcel number for it, because it is a street. There is no tax number for that piece of property. So, there are only two things that can be done. Either the Borough paves it or the Borough abandons the street. If the Borough abandons it, the property goes to the owners on each side. Neither one of us can build on it. If the Borough abandons it, then I will make payment, If my neighbor doesn't pay half of it, then I will deal with it. Why should I pay to blacktop it

Arlen Day: I will write a letter to Aqua. We will get it straighten it out.

Ed Labie: The snow gets piled down at the end of it. I am not going to blacktop it, if the snow is going to be piled there, during a snowstorm.

Arlen Day: I am going to take care of it.

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Annetta Whitecavage: There is a banner down at 241, 241A. Do you know if they are coming back up. I don't even know where it is at. They must of taken it down, because we did not Do you have a number that we can check with them. I will check on my way home to see if it was put back up. But, it has to go back up.

Judith Mehlbaum: If it is not put back, let us know.

Edward Burns: The Mayor can call if it is not put back.

Judith Mehlbaum: I will call them tomorrow to find out where it is.

Annetta Whitecavage: The food truck will be here on Monday. Just a reminder. Come down 3rd and line up to the Borough to 4th to receive you food. And do not block driveways, or streets.

Robbie Krick: Question? There is a check written out to the IRS, what for? For \$743?

Josephine Heffner: It is for 2021 for filing payroll taxes late.

Robbie Krick: Another question? What does the ordinance mean regarding Commercial Shipping Containers?

Arlen Day: It applies to Shipping Containers within the Borough. All Kinds. We don't want people to put then on the street or alleys. They have those pods, it better be 10 x 10. Zoning only allows 10 x 10. So that is why we are making it 10 x 10.

Danny Cress: What is with that property at 417 West Main Street? They always have a yard sale going on.

Edward Burns: We had a problem with them a few years ago. We went through hell. Then she didn't do that for about a year. And now, she started up again.

Danny Cress: It goes on every day. She has a tent up there.

Edward Burns: We will check with Bill Killian about that.

Arlen Day: Last time that it was addressed, it was by zoning. County and Zoning shut her down. We will have to let them know that she is at it again.

Edward Burns: Let's get a letter to County and Zoning.

Arlen Day: She is operating a business without a license.

Michael Zangari: I just have one thing, the 22nd is back to school. I don't know if we need permission for it, but I will ask for it. We are doing our back-to-school safety return with the police department. So, we will be out for the High School and the Elementary. The police will make sure that everybody gets to and from safely. Just beware that we will be out and we are looking for volunteers.

Judith Mehlbaum: Are you going to be out for that?

Fabrizio Bivona: Yes, we are. We have already coordinated it.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: A motion to adjourn was made by Frederick McDonald and seconded by Brian Dempsey. Vote: All. Motion carried.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON:
Wednesday September 14, 2022.

Respectively Submitted,
Josephine Heffner
Secretary/Treasurer

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Regular Meeting

Place: Municipal Bldg. **Date:** September 14, 2022 **Time:** 7:30 pm

OPEN MEETING:

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Edward Burns.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Brian Dempsey, Joseph Kessler, Mayor Judith Mehlbaum, Charles Marquardt, Solicitor Arlen Day, Josephine Heffner.

Members Absent: Frederick McDonald, Edward Burns

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA:

Annetta Whitecavage: Made a statement regarding paying Marie Finlan to be GAMA consultant/trainer, should have a time limit as to paying two people for this position. It would increase the amount that Borough residents are paying for their Sewer Bills.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS:

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

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

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Mayor/Police Report: Officer in Charge, Fabrizio Bivona stated that they are currently working with neighboring towns and PSP regarding some burglaries and thefts than are spanning the county. Continue working with ATF and FBI regarding ongoing investigations. There were 7 traffic citations issued, 34 warnings issued, 1 non-traffic violation, 45 incidents, 3 arrests.

- (1)- Developed a Megan's List Data Base as reference for officers
- (2)- Located a wanted fugitive and made subsequent Meth arrests resulting from the execution of the warrant.
- (3)- Apprehended 2 individuals who stole and were reselling firearms. Successfully apprehended A wanted suspect attempting to flee the jurisdiction with the stolen firearms and drugs and And was a convicted felon.
- (4)- Both Police Vehicles were repaired and serviced.
- (5)- Performed required calibrations on police equipment.
- (6)- Completing the PA State required juvenile audits and mandates.
- (7)- Successfully initiated multiple traffic safety and traffic enforcement targeted speed enforcement initiatives coinciding with the children returning to school.
- (8)- Cooperated and coordinated back to school safety and awareness program with the fire Department. They should be recognized for their turn out and efforts to promote child safety On the streets of Girardville.

A motion to accept the report was made by Brian Dempsey and seconded by Joseph Kessler.

Vote: All. Motion Carried.

Code Enforcement Officer's Report: (July and August Reports) A motion to accept was made by Brian Dempsey and seconded by Joseph Kessler. **Vote: All. Motion Carried.**

Permit Officer's Report: None.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a. The adoption of Ordinance #9-14-22-1, governing the use of shipping containers within the Borough of Girardville was made by Joseph Kessler and seconded by Brian Dempsey. **Vote: All. Motion Carried.**
- b. The adoption of Ordinance #9-14-22-2, governing the times in which a person can work on and/or be present on or in uninspected properties within the Borough of Girardville. The fine will be \$300.00 per offense. A motion was made by Brian Dempsey and seconded by Joseph Kessler. **Vote: All. Motion Carried.**
- c. A reminder that Fall Clean-Up is being held at the A Street School on Thursday September 15th (9am-5pm), Friday September 16th (9am-5pm) and Saturday September 17th (9am-1pm), open to all county residents. There is a list of the costs.
- d. We will be acquiring 344 East Mahanoy Avenue when it is up for sale on the Judicial Sale List on October 24th, 2022. Then the county will fund the demolition of this property.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. We received a Thank You Card from the Ashland Library for allowing them to place a Lending Library in front of the Borough Building.
- b. We are in the process of hiring a new clerk (Christon Pancheri), pending background checks. A motion was made by Brian Dempsey and seconded by Joseph Kessler. **Vote: All. Motion Carried.**
- c. A vote for the Police's request for purchasing a less lethal "Bean Bag Gun". Jeremy Talanca is here to talk about it. The cost will be around \$550.00. Jeremy Talanca is certified to train all officers. A motion was made by Joseph Kessler and seconded by Brian Dempsey. **Vote: All. Motion Carried.**
- d. We received three bids to remove falling trees, one on Oak Street and one on William Street. A motion to hire Schuylkill Tree and Landscape for \$2,800.00 was made by Joseph Kessler and seconded by Brian Dempsey. **Vote: All. Motion Carried.**
- e. A vote to give Mike Soucheck a raise to \$18.00 per hour at 32 hours per week. A motion was made by Brian Dempsey and seconded by Joseph Kessler. **Vote: All. Motion Carried.**
- f. A motion to vote on Jeremy Talanca being promoted as Police Lieutenant with no increase in Salary, was made by Joseph Kessler and seconded by Brian Dempsey. **Vote: All. Motion Carried.** Jeremy was pinned by his son.
- g. A vote to give Arlen Day permission to draw up an Ordinance that states that an owner or manager of a rental property must live within a certain distance from the property. The distance was voted upon by council to be 30 miles and they have 10 days to apply for an Occupancy Permit. A motion was made by Joseph Kessler and seconded by Brian Dempsey. **Vote: All. Motion Carried.**
- h. A motion to retain Marie Finlan as a GAMA advisor/consultant/trainer retroactively from September 2, 2022 at a rate of \$12.50 per office hours not to exceed 30 hours per week, to be reimbursed by GAMA was made by Joseph Kessler and seconded by Brian Dempsey. **Vote: All. Motion Carried.**
- i. Girardville Police Patches (100) to be purchased at \$358.00 was made by Joseph Kessler and seconded by Brian Dempsey. **Vote: All. Motion Carried.**

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Letters, fliers and magazines.

REPORTS ON COMMITTEES, COUNCIL MEMBERS AND SOLICITOR:

Street Committee: As soon the Fall Clean Up is complete there will be room for the 22 ton of salt for the 2022-2023 season. Then we can get ready for the winter.

The guys have been going out repairing storm boxes, we still have quite a few more to go, before the winter hits There is one at the corner of 2nd and Beech Streets and one down on Ogden Street. We can pay for these out of the Covid funds.

Mayor Judith Mehlbaum: I was told that the project up on the Avenue will be completed by October 15th, 2022. It was in the paper last night.

Ed Labie: Will they get all of the paving done or, will they wait until next year, again.

Charles Marquardt: Aqua is supposed to pave over everything. Whether October 15th is reliable, we do not know. It goes by the state's requirements on how much blacktop they need. I guess that is what they are in the process of doing.

OPEN FLOOR TO PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mary Beth Dougherty: A couple of things: Did you figure out what the IRS payment is for?

Josephine Heffner: It was a penalty for late filing with the payroll taxes.

Mary Beth Dougherty: Second thing: What about the raise for Mike Soucheck? So he is going from \$13.00 per hour to \$18.00 per hour? Well, what about Jimmy Evans? So we are going to just let Jimmy out to dry?

Charles Marquardt: Well, eventually everybody will get raises. We are not going to let him out there to dry. We did bump him up from \$12.00 to \$13.00 per hour.

Mary Beth Dougherty: Soucheck left for a better job. So, Jimmy Evans gets screwed. I think it is time to match. That is not fair to Jimmy. Jimmy stayed while, Soucheck left. That is very unfair.

Mary Beth Dougherty: And my last question: Could you please repeat the code enforcement officer's report?

Charles Marquardt: There are two reports. One for July and one for August.

Mary Beth Dougherty: I think it was the August report, the numbers on it.

Charles Marquardt: The August Report has a total of one occupancy was initiated, with zero being closed. Citations for August were zero, year to date, eight.

Mary Beth Dougherty: Eight citations? How many quality of life were there?

Charles Marquardt: One issued, year to date, eighteen. There were five complaints, and one follow up.

Mary Beth Dougherty: Eighteen quality of life tickets. People, just walk around. It should not take for me coming in here and filling out a complaint form. Not when you have a code officer. I did some figuring here, based on his take home salary. At least for August, \$523.32. That's his take home not, his gross. He's taking home about \$4,200, per year. So based on eight citations, that averages out to one citation per month. That means we pay Mr. Killian \$523.32, per citation. Now I can't understand how you think that there is not a problem. It's not because he is doing property inspections or, anything like that. He gets paid extra for that, which I think is insane. He and Frank both get paid to do property inspections. So, the fact that there were only eight citations and eighteen quality of life tickets that have been issued. Last meeting, I heard that there were quality of life warnings and that is asinine The point of a quality of life ticket is to

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have you go out and cut your weeds. Eight citations in eight months, God! That is just totally unacceptable. And we have to tolerate it! Thank You.

John Smolock: Has anything been addressed about this woman up here? On Main Street? 417 – 419 with this 24/7 - yard sale? This is on front street. It isn't right.

Mayor Judith Mehlbaum: She was supposed to receive a letter last month.

John Smolock: She got cited last year and she is doing it again.

Charles Marquardt: As to my understanding, she was cited. Now, she is Back doing it again. She has been for a while.

Solicitor Arlen Day: It was the county that cited her.

Mary Beth Dougherty: You need to file a complaint with the county, with the zoning office.

Solicitor Arlen Day: That is how it was taken care of last year.

John Smolock: From what I understand, she has a couple of dogs up there. They were running around there loose about three weeks ago. For two and a half years, I have been walking my dog. I asked the police department and nothing was done about it. I left my name and number, twice. At least that could have given me a call. I know it is not a crime, but they could have called me. This woman's dog comes down and tears my dog up. Once before somebody's dog got loose and I had to punch the dog in the head.

Mayor Judith Mehlbaum: I thought they called you? Let me ask them. I will be right back.

Annetta Whitecavage: Until tax season, it is by appointment only. I am available most days. Jo calls me and gives me their phone number. I either come right over or, I set up an appointment. You are not supposed to drop them off at the sewer box or, at the office. You are supposed to call me. It is on the door; it is on the window. Please do not drop taxes off at the Borough. They must come to me directly because, they are time sensitive. They are being dropped off in the GAMA box. Thank You.

Paul Kowalick: I would like to report on the gym. We are in the midst of our registration, so we have well over two hundred children again. Last year we had two hundred and sixty-two children. I sent council my complete proposal for our air filtration system for in the gym. If we don't have the proper air in the gym and there is another Covid outbreak, I can only put twenty-five people in the gym. That's what we did two years ago. We had to cancel. We went down and met with only one county commissioner. I found out that because we are a non-profit organization, GBA is eligible for funds from the American Rescue fund. So it's like the Covid funds you have here. So, I had correspondence with all three county commissioners. And all three know that we are eligible, and they all say that they are looking into it and it has been going on since May. Senator Argall advocated and a lot of other businesses. We not only have children from Girardville, we have them from all of Northern Schuylkill County. Now there is no way we can do this project. We partnered with Antz Heating Systems. It is about \$65,000.00 project. At the wall on the Ogden Street end, air will filtrate through the gym, go up through the basket on the A Street side. This way air is going to filtrate through the gym four times an hour. So when you filtrate like that, those Covid particles don't stick around. It's just like in this room and all over. So, I am constantly being told that we are going to do it. If you could write a letter from Girardville Borough to the commissioner's office, because it is a big project and I know that there is a lot of money down there for this American Rescue Plan. I don't know all of the projects that this is going to. I can't believe that for recreation, that it is being tabled this long.

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Heathro Cressona already gave us \$10,000.00 for this project, so we still need \$52,000.00. But I am here to let you know that we are not going to be able to do this project until next year. Antz said that it will take ten to fourteen weeks just to get the fans. Now we have to tear up the roof and we just got the new roof on. I just want to make you aware of that. The two doors that are going into the school have been broke for a while. So, we have a whole lot of air coming in. So, we are going to replace those two doors. Muncy will be putting those two doors in. The bid is about \$4,000.00. I think that is high. But in any event, would you advocate a letter to the Commissioners office. All of them have been very welcoming to me, saying that they are going to try to do it. This project is not going away, I am going to keep going after it, as long as I know that there is money to be had.

Charles Marquardt: Okay Paul, we will put a letter together for you or whatever we need to do.
Paul Kowalick: I always put that I am the President of the GBA, but I never get an answer.

Fabrizio Bivona: Is there someone here that has an issue with a dog? Is it about a dog that was running loose on Preston Avenue?

John Smolock: I called three weeks ago. I was getting concerned about these dogs getting loose a couple of times a week. There was a lady riding around on her bike looking for these dogs. I have it on camera. There were people running around chasing them on that day.

Fabrizio Bivona: The only one that I have is on September Third. It is not the brown dog on Preston Avenue.

John Smolock: No, it was the dogs up here from the lady with the yard sale. It was on August 24th.

Fabrizio Bivona: Okay, we will take a look at it. People should control their dogs because, they keep getting out. If the dogs are not licensed, then we have a problem. Then we can go back and cite them.

John Smolock: I walk my dog every day whether or not, it is cold or raining, no matter what. If my dog is attacked, she will roll over on her back.

Fabrizio Bivona: Did anybody talk to her? Is she the owner of the dogs?

John Smolock: I don't know her personally, but she was chasing the dogs all around. The one dog is vicious. I caught them running across the camera on that day. I can go out and buy some dog mace, or something.

Fabrizio Bivona: We will go and speak to her about it. All the dog calls that we responded to, the dogs were already gone when we got there.

John Smolock: Maybe you can have her keep them under control? I am not trying to be a jerk about it.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: A motion to adjourn was made by Brian Dempsey and seconded by Charles Marquardt. Vote: All. Motion carried.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON:

Wednesday October 12th, 2022.

Respectively Submitted,
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Secretary/Treasurer

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Regular Meeting

Place: Municipal Bldg. **Date:** October 12, 2022 **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 Judith Mehlbaum, Charles Marquardt, Solicitor Arlen Day, Josephine Heffner.

Members Absent: Frederick McDonald

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA:

NONE

APPROVAL OF REPORTS:

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

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

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Mayor/Police Report: Mayor Judith Mehlbaum read that the police are currently working with task forces and PSP regarding multijurisdictional investigations.

5 Traffic Citations were issued.

53 warnings were issued

There were 44 incidents

- 1) Megan's List Data Base is being updated and cross references with ongoing suspects currently under investigation.
- 2) Located a wanted fugitive and made and made subsequent Meth arrests resulting from the execution of the warrants,
- 3) Identified two wanted Armed fugitives within Girardville and are coordinating activities with the Schuylkill County Drug Task Force and PSP Vice Units.
- 4) Attorney General's Office contacted and are assisting with the securing, disposal and cataloging of evidence.
- 5) Executed one PFA.
- 6) Investigated and are prosecuting one theft of services from a local resident.
- 7) Completed the Pa State require Juvenile audits and mandates,
- 8) Assisted Ashland Borough with a domestic violence incident.
- 9) Two EMS assists
- 10) Investigating two Harassment by communications.
- 11) Three drug incidents pending prosecution.
- 12) Three animal incidents.
- 13) One suicide investigation
- 14) One Child Luring investigation.
- 15) Successfully initiated multiple traffic safety and traffic enforcement programs for school hours.
- 16) Insync Reporting System has been activated awaiting tutorials and training for the program.
- 17) Scheduling mandated training classes and firearms qualifications ensuring MPOECTC compliance.
- 18) Attempting to secure firearms and weapons from an individual within Girardville pursuant to a lawful judge's order.

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: None

Permit Officer's Report: None.

Fire Chief's Report: Motion made by Edward Burns to accept this report 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 motion to adopt Ordinance 10-12-22, amending Ordinance 2016-1 to:
 - 1) Add to Section 1 the Definition of "Manager".
 - 2) Replace Section 2 Regarding Application for Rental Occupancy Permits and Including Language Requiring Annual Applications; Requiring Application Within 10 Days of Obtaining a Rental Property; and Requiring Rental Unit Owners Not Residing Within 30 Miles of the Borough Appoint a Manager Who Resides Within 30 Miles of the Borough to Accept Service of Legal Process and Address Issues Regarding Rental Units.
 - 3) Replace Section 3 Regarding Registration and Inspections. Including Requiring Inspections When There is a Change of Tenants, Sale or Transfer.

Was made by Joseph Kessler and seconded by Brian Dempsey. **Vote: All. Motion Carried.**

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. The Good Time Club is asking permission to hold the Halloween Parade on Sunday, October 30, 2022 at 2pm, starting at West Main and Julia Streets and finishing at the Girard Hose Company #1. Rain or Shine. A motion was made by Edward Burns and seconded by Brian Dempsey. **Vote: All. Motion Carried.**
- b. The Good Time Club is also asking permission to hold the Christmas Parade with Santa on Thursday, Thanksgiving night, November 24, 2022 at 5 p.m. A motion was made by Edward Burns and seconded by Brian Dempsey. **Vote: All. Motion Carried.**
- c. Trick or Treat night will be held on Monday, October 31, 2022 from 5pm until 8pm. Please turn porch lights on to welcome the children. A motion was made by Edward Burns and seconded by Brian Dempsey. **Vote: All. Motion Carried.**
- d. Beginning November 7th, 2022 the ashes will be picked up twice a week, on Mondays and on Fridays.
- e. We need a motion to approve a program called "PAVE", that Lieutenant Jeremy Talanca is working on. "Parents And Volunteers Emerge". This program would help ensure the safety of our children while entering and exiting school buses. Some of the parents are volunteer firefighters who already have their background check clearances. There will be no cost to the Borough for this program, it is all volunteers. **This motion was put on hold.**
- f. On October 5, 2022, Frederick McDonald submitted a Resignation Letter announcing that he has resigned from being a Council Member, our Land Bank Representative and as our Right to Know Officer. This will be effective on October 14, 2022. A motion was made by Edward Burns and seconded by Brian Dempsey. **Vote: All. Motion Carried.**
- g. We need a motion for Joe Kessler to take Frederick McDonald's place as the Borough's Land Bank Representative and for Frank Zangari to remain as our Alternative

Representative, effective October 14, 2022. A motion was made by Brian Dempsey and seconded by Edward Burns. **Vote: All. Motion Carried.**

- h. We need a motion to hire Abigail Smith as the part-time GAMA Clerk, retroactive from Tuesday, October 11, 2022. A motion was made by Edward Burns and seconded by Brian Dempsey, **Vote: All. Motion Carried.**
- i. We need a motion to allow the Good Time Club to put up our Christmas Lights throughout the town on November 19th at 8am. Motion was made by Edward Burns and seconded by Brian Dempsey. **Vote: All. Motion Carried.**

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Letters, fliers and magazines.

REPORTS ON COMMITTEES, COUNCIL MEMBERS AND SOLICITOR:

Street Committee: Edward Burns: We are trying to follow this contractor around, just trying to make sure that he is doing everything he is supposed to be doing. We are not going to sign off until everything is perfect. **Ed Labie:** I know that he has been chasing them around. Whoever dug the dirt on top of Shrub Alley, there is a water stop in there buried. They told me that it is not a street, that it is a private driveway. **Edward Burns:** I approached them about that and he looked at me like, "duh uh". **Ed Labie:** If they abandon this or they, Uh, I know the law. I looked on the Parcel Locator Map today at work and my property line is here and Olson's here. There is fifteen feet in the middle where there is nothing, that's the alley and if the street gets abandoned, then or property line gets lowered. It can't be sold, it is not a lot number, it is still not there on the map. Like I said, if it gets abandoned, then my intentions are that I would pave it in the Spring. It's too late to do it now. What's happening now is that they are not doing their job. **Charles Marquardt:** This is the seventh crew that is working on this. The seventh group of people that is working there for E&K. **Ed Labie:** They are subcontracting it out. **Charles Marquardt:** No, no. This is their seventh crew for E&K. **Edward Burns:** Every time that they come back, it is a whole new group of people, all working for E&K. **Charles Marquardt:** They don't know all of the stuff that still needs to be done. **Ed Labie:** Did you see our water bills. Aqua got another big increase. There may be a big increase because of their lines being below the stop. They are not painted because of the shady contractors that they are getting to do their work. My water bill went up about sixty percent from what I paid last year. So, I don't know how they get their rate increases. I thought that the State had a Commissioner that governed utility companies. They don't go up ten or fifteen percent, they go up thirty, forty or sixty percent increases. My water bill is a hundred and fifty-four dollars a month. And it used to be ninety. **Edna Labie:** And that storm sewer there, did you take notice that they did not even put the blacktop over the storm sewer. **Ed Labie:** They are going to say that the Borough has to raise the straight-up two inches to three inches. **Charles Marquardt:** Unfortunately, we have had this conversation and they said this is the way that it is supposed to be. Our Engineer has been on it, too. **Ed Labie:** Well you see the one that you are getting in front of your house Charlie. **Charles Marquardt:** Well Bill gets it, too, down there. And they told Bill that they were coming two weeks ago that they were coming to fix his where the water is and they haven't showed up yet. **Ed Labie:** Imagine all the water that I would have, if I didn't put that sidewalk

in? **Charles Marquardt:** Yea, well it runs right across the road, it goes down Kelly's driveway then. Half of his driveway is washed out from it. **Edward Burns:** They were over on the Avenue trying to do something and the inspector called me right away. What curbs they took out, in the specs it says that they have to replace them. They had no intentions, they were paving right over it. So they did it the right way. **Ed Labie:** Like I said, I do not know how much longer the asshole tends on paving, They have projects that they are trying to get done. **Mayor Judith Mehlbaum:** My son told me November 15th. **Ed Labie:** If it moves a week or two, one way or the other, that depends upon the State. There are thirty jobs to get done and if the weather holds out, they can keep them open longer, They said it fluctuates anywhere from November 1st through Thansgiving,

OPEN FLOOR TO PUBLIC COMMENT:

Annetta Whitecavage: Did you skip over the Tax Collector's Report?

Charles Marquardt: Nope, I read it.

Annetta Whitecavage: I am sorry, I didn't hear you.

Annetta Whitecavage: I have a comment on the Resolution, the Occupancy Permit thing. Could you put an addition on to that asking for birth dates? Cause then I would know to put them on for taxes to get you guy's money for the taxes. Otherwise, I have no idea who to put on the tax role and who not to.

Solicitor Arlen Day: So, then you would want owner name, address, telephone number and date of birth? You want the people living there?

Annetta Whitecavage: Occupant's date of birth. Then you know if there are kids or adults living there. Because that is the only way to get them on the tax roles. They don't even write it legible, so I can tell who they are. Then you get them back and they say "no such person".

Solicitor Arlen Day: So then, E, section 7, name, address and date of birth of tenants?

Annetta Whitecavage: Right.

Solicitor Arlen Day: You need a motion.

Charles Marquardt: Ok, we need a motion to put that on the Ordinance.

A motion was made by Edward Burns and seconded by Brian Dempsey. **Vote: All. Motion Carried.**

Annetta Whitecavage: Thank You.

Annetta Whitecavage: The only other thing that I have if that on November 19th, we will be taking the Banners down and the Christmas decorations, I presume, are going up. We have to decide what we are going to do with those Banners. People are going to have to redo them or put them back up, at their expense. So we will have a meeting and I will let the Council know when we are done and what we decide.

Charles Marquardt: So, they are going to come down the same day we put the decorations up? Okay. We were going to have a thing here tonight. I guess the good time club did not drop it off. But we are going to do the Santa Parade, that is going to be held on Thanksgiving, November 24th starting at five o'clock and it is going to proceed around town an end over here with Santa handing treats off to the kids. You can notify your officers. We need a motion for that.

A motion was made by Edward Burns and seconded by Brian Dempsey. **Vote: All. Motion Carried.**

Charles Marquardt: And, also, November 19th, we will be putting signs around that we will be taking down banners and putting Christmas Decorations. I believe that starts at 8am. We need a motion for that, also

A motion was made by Edward Burns and seconded by Brian Dempsey. **Vote: All. Motion Carried.**

John Smolock: Is there anything going on with the tent sale?

Annetta Whitecavage: Yea, she moved to only a couple days a week.

Solicitor Arlen Day: Is the County not doing anything?

Mayor Judith Mehlbaum: She had it out to the road and she brought it back. I don't know if we can do anything about it.

Solicitor Arlen Day: She is still operating without a license, correct?

Annetta Whitecavage: She don't own that house, she rents.

Mayor Judith Mehlbaum: So, what do we cite her for? I don't even know what we can cite her for.

Edward Burns: Well, what did Bill cite her for last time?

Mayor Judith Mehlbaum: Junk, code enforcement.

Charles Marquardt: From my understanding, since John brought it up last month was that the code department was going to take a better look into it because, she is infringing on the property next to her, that she does not own or rent. That is trespassing. We are citing her for that. And then, you were right, she did move stuff downtown someplace.

Annetta Whitecavage: Well, the stuff is gone now.

Charles Marquardt: Well, the County came in and said that she had to move it out of their right-of-way. But she did not move it at all. She just moved it back. She did not take it away. And the County is saying that from our end, that we need to file the citations that need to be filed.

Mayor Judith Mehlbaum: I am not sure if it is a police matter or a code matter? I am trying to find out which one it is.

Annetta Whitecavage: It is a code matter. If they cite the landlord, instead of her, then maybe he will do something about it.

Robbie Krick: Last time she was cited, it was through County and Zoning. And she had to move everything.

Mayor Judith Mehlbaum: So, it was through County and Zoning? Thank You Robbie.

Robbie Krick: They cited the guy who owns the house.

Charles Marquardt: I believe that is what Bill is doing from when John brought it up.

Annetta Whitecavage: He went after her before, about it.

Mayor Judith Mehlbaum: Well then, they should go after the owner again.

Charles Marquardt: We need a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Edward Burns and seconded by Joseph Kessler. **Vote: All. Motion Carried.**

Next Meeting Held On:
Wednesday, November 9, 2022

Respectively Submitted,
Josephine Heffner
Secretary/Treasurer

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Regular Meeting

Place: Municipal Bldg. Date: November 9, 2022 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 Judith Mehlbaum, Charles Marquardt, Solicitor Arlen Day, Josephine Heffner.

Members Absent: Frederick McDonald

Charles Marquardt: At this time, before we go any further, we are going to ask Council for a motion to appoint Mark Rainis to fill the unexpired term of Fred McDonald on Council. A motion was made by Edward Burns and seconded by Brian Dempsey. **Vote: All. Motion Carried.**

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Charles Marquardt: As coming onto Council, Mark has accepted the fact that he is going to be the Right-to-Know Officer for the Borough. A motion was made by Edward Burns and seconded by Brian Dempsey. **Vote: All. Motion Carried.**

Charles Marquardt: Mark, come up and get sworn in.

Mayor Judith Mehlbaum: Swears in Mark Rainis as a Council Member.

Charles Marquardt: Congratulations Mark.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA:

NONE

APPROVAL OF REPORTS:

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

Mayor/Police Report: Mayor Judith Mehlbaum read that the police are currently working with task forces and PSP regarding multijurisdictional investigations.

8 Traffic Citations were issued.

64 warnings were issued

There were 36 incidents

- 1) (7) Criminal Mischief Complaints
- 2) (4) Arson Complaints Investigated and Resolved
- 3) (2) Burglary Complaints
- 4) (2) Drug Arrests
- 5) (2) Firearms complaints
- 6) (7) Assist other Jurisdictions
- 7) (7) Quality of Life Incidents
- 8) Megan's List Data Base is being updated and cross references with ongoing suspects currently under investigation.
- 9) Currently searching jurisdiction for (2) fugitives.
- 10) Validated ongoing evidence including firearms in DA database.
- 11) Attorney General's Office contacted and we are assisting with the security, disposal and cataloging of evidence.
- 12) Investigated and are prosecuting (1) theft of services from a local resident.
- 13) One EMS assists
- 14) Investigating (2) Harassment communications
- 15) Three Animal Incidents
- 16) One Child Luring Investigation
- 17) Scheduled mandated training classes and firearms qualifications ensuring MPOECTC compliance.

Halloween parade and events were successful with all incidents resolved. Police and Fire Department were heavily engaged in the events and the Holiday successfully creating a safe perimeter for the parents and the children. Heavy

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traffic enforcement and high visibility police throughout all events. Community interactive relations between the police and fire personnel appeared to be greatly appreciated by the parents.

Emergency Response Treatment program was our response to a High Level Threat advisory

of Fentanyl that looked and was packaged as colorful candies such as Skittles and Nerds. Our Emergency Response Narcan Initiative was available throughout all the Halloween events that successfully went without incident. Special thanks to the Girardville Fire department for all their support!

A motion to accept the Police report was made by Edward Burns and seconded by Brian Dempsey. **Vote: All. Motion Carried.**

Code Enforcement Officer's Report: (September and October) Motion made by Edward Burns and seconded by Brian Dempsey. **Vote: All. Motion Carried.**

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

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

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- a. The Santa Clause Parade will be held on Thanksgiving Night, Thursday, 11/24/2022 at 5 pm. The parade is sponsored by the Good Time Club.
 - b. We need a Motion to appoint a fill-in Councilman for Frederick McDonald. A Motion was made by Edward Burns to appoint Mark Rainis as the fill-in and it was seconded by Brian Dempsey. **Vote: All. Motion Carried.** A Motion to appoint Mark Rainis as the Right-to-Know Officer was made by Edward Burns and seconded by Brian Dempsey. **Vote: All. Motion Carried.**
 - c. A Motion to appoint a GAMA Chairperson for five years (2023 through 2027), was made by Joseph Kessler and was seconded by Brian Dempsey. **Vote: All. Motion Carried.**
 - d. A motion to adopt Resolution 11-9-22 to implement Act 57 of 2022 (Amending the Local Tax Collection) was made by Joseph Kessler and seconded by Brian Dempsey. **Vote: All. Motion Carried.**
 - e. A motion to implement a low bid of \$12,500.00 (twelve thousand five hundred dollars) for Private and Repository Sales through the County, was made by Edward Burns and seconded by Brian Dempsey. **Vote: All. Motion Carried.**
 - f. A Motion to adopt the revised BIU permit fee schedule that is being proposed by them, was made by Joseph Kessler and seconded by Edward Burns. **Vote: All. Motion Carried.**
 - g. The annual roof warranty inspection will be held on Thursday, November 10th, 2022 at 11 am.
 - h. A motion to vote on Repository Bids for 21 and 25 West Ogden Street, was made by All. **Vote: All – Denied. Motion Carried.**
 - i. The Land Bank has approved acquiring the property at 119 South William Street. We are waiting for inspections at this property.
 - j. A motion to approve putting the 2023 Budget Proposal on display and advertising it in the newspaper, included with this is an approval of and the advertising of the Tax Ordinance, was made by Joseph Kessler and seconded by Edward Burns. **Vote: All. Motion Carried.**
 - k. A motion to establish a policy and procedure for the training, qualification, and deployment of Less-Lethal Impact Munitions, was made by Edward Burns and seconded by Brian Dempsey. **Vote: All. Motion Carried.**

- l. A Motion to wait until April 23, 2023 to purchase 344 East Mahanoy Avenue on a Judicial Sale (for Demolition Purposes), was made by Joseph Kessler and seconded by Brian Dempsey. **Vote: All. Motion Carried.**
- m. A Motion to purchase a camera for code enforcement for approximately \$125.00, was made by Edward Burns and seconded by Brian Dempsey. **Vote: All. Motion Carried.**

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Letters, fliers and magazines.

REPORTS ON COMMITTEES, COUNCIL MEMBERS AND SOLICITOR:

Recreation Committee

Edward Burns: Basketball is starting.

Charles Marquardt: On Saturday, November 19th, we will be taking the Banners down and putting the Christmas decorations up. So if you see them coming, please move your vehicle.

Edward Burns: Charlie, I forgot to mention that people are putting cones out over on A Street to protect their parking places.. So, Fabrizio if you see any, put them on the pavement.

Fabrizio Bivona: I have been collecting them.

Edward Burns: That's even better.

Charles Marquardt: Any other reports from anybody? I will open the floor for public comment.

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OPEN FLOOR TO PUBLIC COMMENT:

Joyce Engle: Do you think at some point will 21 and 25 West Ogden be torn down?

Charles Marquardt: I would say they are both condemned. At least the one is for sure.

Joyce Engle: About two weeks ago, we were sitting there and all you could hear is boom, boom, boom.

Charles Marquardt: I know that they are working on it with the County. I don't know exactly where they are with that, but they are working on it. I guess, the one is still owned by somebody. You know what is going to happen there, they will have to side the one in the middle. I would say yes, they will be put on it. Once they get all the finalization papers and everything. Anybody else?

Mary Beth Dougherty: Do you have a quarterly budget update? You know those spreadsheets that Mary used to have?

Charles Marquardt: Yeah, the ones for every quarter?

Mary Beth Dougherty: It seems like you just keep on spending and spending. And now, you are getting another camera for code. And I don't know where you are line by line on the budget. You bought a cop car, you bought gates that are not up yet. You keep buying all this stuff. Raises for payroll? Chances are that you are still paying off the Tax Anticipation Note for Payroll. You keep spending Pligit. I don't know, you just keep spending and have no idea if you are on track with the budget. (with the line items)

Charles Marquardt: Well we do, but the problem with that is that we run into situations where we are moving stuff around. We had to upgrade with our current payroll. The pandemic and everything else, we can't get people to work. Jo is doing the best that she can. She is still doing training work and stuff like that. We are trying to do and we got some additional funds or we wouldn't be able to do things like that. If we didn't get that we wouldn't be able to. I mean that's why we put the tax increase on. We have been going for so many years without raising the taxes a mil. Oil right here in this building is \$1,300 dollars a month.

Mary Beth Dougherty: Well, it's not like we didn't know that it was coming. If you did the quarterly update on the spreadsheets that I am talking about, then you would be able to talk about it. Then you would be able to gives us updates like we used to get.

Charles Marquardt: Well, I know that Joe talks to Jo and us every month.

Mary Beth Dougherty: The paper helps you to keep track that you are not overspending and to cut back where you may have to.

Charles Marquardt: Well, we will just tell Jo to do the quarterly reports and she will. We will have them.

Mary Beth Dougherty: Then you can see the line item.

Robert Krick: Line Items to compare.

Mary Beth Dougherty: We used to do spreadsheets in Excel. That way you can compare year to year. That way you can go back three or four years. Like line 42.03 would be office and the budget is \$800. Then you can see if you are staying within the budget.

Robert Krick: It's a history.

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Mary Beth Dougherty: If they had the spreadsheets, then you would know what I was talking about.

People talking over one another.

Mark Rainis: I came in here and heard exactly what they talked about. As a person who is not part of the friends and family, I saw exactly what they are trying to do and exactly what they are spending the money on. And how they are trying to save money.

Mary Beth Dougherty: Well, that is great. That's just great.

Mark Rainis: As an outsider, I can see what they are doing and what they are trying to do.

Mary Beth Dougherty: Well, that is just wonderful.

Mark Rainis: I think that they are doing a great job. They talk about trying to save money and how to help people out.

People talking over one another.

Charles Marquardt: Alright, going forward, we will be using the spreadsheets.

Mary Beth Dougherty: Thank You Charlie.

Charles Marquardt: Thank you Mary Beth. Anybody have something else?

Mark Rainis : As somebody new, I had a view of what you guys are trying to do and how you are trying to upgrade, and how you are trying to save money. It is just like our fire department, they do upgrades so we can stay safe. And we got to do it in the Borough. I don't know how long it has been since you raised the mils or whatever. I mean everybody is raising everything to cover your costs. And possibly a waste oil burner along with the hot water heater. That way you are not

Charles Marquardt: Is that something that they are currently looking into right now?

Robert Krick: My understanding is that they have been there a couple of times and they are already making plans.

Charles Marquardt: We didn't get anything here. I mean, if they said that they sent something, we did not receive it. I would have notified you right away. Because the last I knew is when we had that meeting before.

Robert Krick: That's my understanding.

Charles Marquardt: Okay, we need a motion to allow the Watershed to use the Borough building on the fourteenth or fifteenth of November or thereafter, just in case. It will be at seven o'clock and Judy will open the building and make sure you can get in. Can I have a motion for that please?

Joseph Kessler: I will make a motion.

Brian Dempsey: I will second that.

Vote: All. Motion Carried.

Charles Marquardt: Anybody have anything else?

Charles Marquardt: We need a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Edward Burns and seconded by Joseph Kessler. **Vote: All. Motion Carried.**

Next Meeting Held On:

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Respectively Submitted,

Josephine Heffner

Secretary/Treasurer

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Regular Meeting

Place: Municipal Bldg. Date: December 14, 2022 Time: 7:30 pm

OPEN MEETING:

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

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Brian Dempsey, Mark Rainis, Edward Burns, Mayor Judith Mehlbaum, Charles Marquardt, Solicitor Arlen Day, Josephine Heffner.

Members Absent: Joseph Kessler

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA:

Robbie Krick: Just a question, how much is budgeted for the school?

Josephine Heffner: It is not specific on the Proposed Budget, but it is in my computer.

Judith Melbaum: Unfortunately, we do not have access to the computer right now. It has a virus. They took it to clean it.

Edward Burns: Do you have any concerns about it?

Robbie Krick: I just want to know what the Borough is paying?

Charles Marquardt: There is a separate budget in the computer, on here it is just a line item. The GBA is paying for all the heat, all the gas. We pay the electric, the water and the sewer.

Robbie Krick: If you can get it, I would appreciate it.

Charles Marquardt: When she has it, I will let you know. We apologize, but there was a virus in the computer. It will be at least until Monday.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS:

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

Treasurer's Report: Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report made by Brian Dempsey, seconded by Mark Rainis. **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.**

Mayor/Police Report: Mayor Judith Mehlbaum read that there were 2 Traffic Citations issued, 21 Warnings issued and 27 Incidents.

- 1) (2) Criminal Mischief Complaints
- 2) (4) Active drug investigations
- 3) (1) Burglary Complaint
- 4) (2) Drug Arrests
- 5) (2) Firearms Complaints
- 6) (3) Assist Other Jurisdictions
- 7) (7) Quality of Life Incidents (Borough Ordinance Violations)
- 8) (6) Abandoned Vehicles

The Less Lethal Bean Bag Gun is now in use and each Officer has been certified on its use and reporting requirements.

The Christmas Parade was a great success due to everyone who offered their time.

The Magistrate reported \$150.00 in fines received by the Borough.

Officers are working on finishing their Mpoetc yearly updates.

A motion to accept the Police report was made by Edward Burns and seconded by Mark Rainis. **Vote: All. Motion Carried.**

Code Enforcement Officer's Report: None For the month of November, there were 8 occupancies at \$125.00 a piece.

Permit Officer's Report: None

REVIEW AND AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS: A motion was made by Brain Dempsey and seconded by Mark Rainis. **Vote: All. Motion Carried.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a. A motion to adopt the 2023 Proposed Budget was made by Edward Burns and seconded by Brian Dempsey. **Vote: All. Motion Carried.**

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Solicitor Arlen Day: The current Ordinance includes businesses, which we can not do. Upon looking into it, we can not do that. We cannot tell a business how much inventory they have, storage or how they store it. I will be updating that to remove businesses from it.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. **Letters, fliers and magazines.**

REPORTS ON COMMITTEES, COUNCIL MEMBERS AND SOLICITOR:

Street Committee:

Edward Burns: We are contacting the Contractor and Aqua about these places that were not finished. We have a handful of them. We are doing our part. We have nothing to do with it, because we did not pay for all the digging up and putting the laterals in. All we can do is complain about it. They are still not getting back to us. Naturally, they are saying that they have to wait until the Spring. The people complaining about it have good gripes.

Charles Marquardt: I am going to ask the Solicitor to draw up a letter to Aqua on behalf of the Borough asking what the timeframe on it and what is going on with the areas that are not finished. Our Engineer hit a dead wall with it. Seems like it is the same with the Contractor. There is nobody around, because it is the winter.

Solicitor Arlen Day: This was done by agreement, correct?

Charles Marquardt: Yeah, it was between Aqua and they put it out for bid and they awarded it to a Contractor. We have nothing to do with it.

Solicitor Arlen Day: So you are a third party beneficiary?

Charles Marquardt: Yes, our stuff has to be put back to the way that they found it.

Solicitor Arlen Day: I don't know if you want to go that far, but you can sue as a third party beneficiary.

Charles Marquardt: Maybe you can state that in the letter. If they don't comply with it and give us some kind of time frame that they are going to honor and tell us why they have not finished.

OPEN FLOOR TO PUBLIC COMMENT:

Rob Krick: On January 23rd, 2023 there is a Watershed Meeting here at the Borough Hall.

Charles Marquardt: It is already posted on the door.

Robbie Krick: Oh, I did not know.

Judith Mehlbaum: Just let me know and I will come over and open up the door. Just give me a call and remind me

Robbie Krick: Are there any plans to do anything with 2nd Street? It is pretty ugly.

Charles Marquardt: Our plans our hopefully to do something with 2nd Street and with Preston Avenue. That is what we are working on now trying to get something resolved. We don't know where Aqua is at with 2nd Street because they are supposed to put waterlines. So we don't know about putting down any kind of paving on 2nd Street, if we can without them having to rip it all up again. That is what we are waiting on. Because this project here took a year and a half longer

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than what it was supposed to. We don't know if they are going to miss a year or two to wait to come back. Our guys did get cold patch and we are going to patch the holes that are there. We just finally heard from them that they got cold patch in. And we would like to do something with Preston Avenue, too. We have to wait to hear what Aqua's intentions are. Whether or not, they are going to continue. Because their goal is to replace all the waterlines for all the towns that they represent. They took a two year period off to go other places. I don't know where they are at right now. We just haven't had any communication with them.

Judith Mehlbaum: Put it this way, at least with all the holes, nobody can speed.

Charles Marquardt: If there is nothing else, I will make a motion to adjourn. But first, I want to wish everybody a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. A motion to adjourn was made by Edward Burns and seconded by Brian Dempsey. **Vote: All. Motion Carried.**

Next Meeting Held On:
Wednesday, January 11, 2023

Respectively Submitted,
Josephine Heffner
Secretary/Treasurer