

# Girardville Borough Reorganization and Monthly Council Meeting for General Purposes

**AGENDA: January 02<sup>nd</sup>, 2024**

1. Administer the oath of office to all newly elected Borough Mayor/officials.
2. Call to Order The Honorable Judith Mehlbaum, Mayor
3. Pledge/Roll call
4. Open floor for nominations.
  - a. Nomination opened for Council President
  - b. Nominations opened for Vice-President
  - c. Nomination for Secretary/Treasurer
  - d. Nomination for Borough Solicitor
  - e. Nomination for Chairman of the Vacancy Board
  - f. Nomination for Bank Depository for (Mid Penn Bank)
  - g. Nominations for Code Enforcement Officer
  - h. Nomination for Permit Officer
  - i. Nomination for Engineer (usually Entech)
  - j. Nomination for Sewer Enforcement Officer (Larson Design Group Usually)
  - k. Nomination for Environmental Certifying officer-usually Council President
  - l. Nomination for outside permit enforcement (Building Inspections Underwriters, Inc)
  - m. Nomination for the Tax Collection Committee
  - n. Nomination for Right to Know Officer
5. Organization of Committees
6. Permission to pay all bills as submitted and due.
7. A motion to close the Reorganization Meeting.
8. **Open floor for Public Comment on the Agenda for Regular Council Meeting Only.**
9. Approval of Reports (as available)
  - a. Minutes
  - b. Treasurer's Report
  - c. Permit Officer's report (if available)
  - d. Code Enforcement officer's report (if available)

e. Tax Collector report (if available)

10. Review and authorization to pay bills.

11. Unfinished Business : NONE

12. New Business

- a. Resolution 01-02-2024-1- Appoint Mid Penn Bank as Depository
- b. Resolution-01-02- 2024-2 - Signers for Bank
- c. Resolution 01-02-2024-3 - Service Electric Franchise
- d. GAMA Positions

13. Correspondence- Letters, Flyers and Magazines

14. Reports of Committees, Council Members and Solicitor

15. Open floor to public comment.

16. Motion to adjourn

17. **Next Meeting: February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

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## Reorganization Meeting

**PLACE:** Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** January 02, 2014 **TIME:** 7:30 PM

### OPEN MEETING

Mayor Judith Mehlbaum called Reorganization Meeting and Borough Council Meeting to order. Please everyone stand for the Pledge of Allegiance, which was led by the Mayor.

### ROLL CALL (Mayor did Roll Call)

Members present: Joseph Kessler, Brian Dempsey, Mark Rainis, Edward Burns, Charlie Marquardt, Josephine Heffner, Attorney Arlen "Rick" Day, Mayor Judith Mehlbaum.

Members absent: None

Mayor Judith Mehlbaum administered the Oath of Office to all elected Borough Officials prior to the meeting. Duly sworn were, Council Members Charles Marquardt, Edward Burns, and Brian Dempsey. Mayor Judith Mehlbaum handed in copies of Oath of Office and Certificate of Election. The Mayor then chaired the meeting for purposes of reorganizing.

The floor was opened for nominations. I (Mayor Judith Mehlbaum) call for a nomination for Council President. Edward Burns made a nomination for Charles Marquardt, Brian Dempsey seconded. Take a vote. All those in favor. The ayes have it.

I (Mayor Judith Mehlbaum) would like to take a nomination for Vice President of Council. Brian Dempsey made a nomination for Joseph Kessler, Mark Rainis seconded. All those in favor. The ayes have it.

Mayor Judith Mehlbaum will now turn the meeting over to President of Council Charlie Marquardt.

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

Charlie takes over the rest of the Reorganization Meeting and said we need a motion for Secretary/Treasurer. Edward Burns made a motion for Josephine Heffner. Mark Rainis seconded. All those in favor. The ayes have it.

Nomination for Borough Solicitor. Edward Burns made nomination for Fanelli, Evans, & Patel, P.C. Arlen "Rick" Day. Brian Dempsey seconded. All those in favor. The ayes have it.

Nomination for chairman of vacancy board. Edward Burns nominated Joe Chiaretti. Brian Dempsey seconded. All those in favor. The ayes have it.

Nomination for Bank Depository. Joseph Kessler nominated Midd Penn. Edward Burns seconded. All those in favor. The ayes have it.

Nomination for Code Enforcement Officer. Joseph Kessler nominates William Killian. Mark Rainis seconded. All those in favor. The ayes have it.

Nomination for 2 Assistant Code Enforcement Officers. Brian Dempsey nominates Frank Zangari and Dan Cress. Joseph Kessler seconded. All those in favor. The ayes have it.

Nomination for Permit Officer. Joseph Kessler nominates Jean Ann Parfitt. Edward Burns seconded. All those in favor. The ayes have it.

Nomination for Borough Engineer. Edward Burns nominates Entech Engineering, Inc. Don Cuff. Brian Dempsey seconded. All those in favor. The ayes have it.

Nomination for Sewer Enforcement Officer. Edward Burns nominates Larson Design Group. Brian Dempsey seconded. All those in favor. The ayes have it.

Nomination for Environmental Certifying Officer. Edward Burns nominates Charlie Marquardt. Brian Dempsey seconded. All those in favor. The ayes have it.

Nomination for Outside Permit Enforcement. (BIU) Edward Burns nominates BIU. Mark Rainis seconded. All those in favor. The ayes have it.

Nomination for Tax Collection Committee. Brian Dempsey nominates Joseph Kessler. Mark Rainis seconded. All those in favor. The ayes have it.

Nomination for Right -to- Know- Officer. Brian Dempsey nominates Mark Rainis. Joseph Kessler seconded. All those in favor. The ayes have it.

#### Committees:

Finance: Mark Rainis, Joseph Kessler

Building: Mark Rainis, Charles Marquardt

Street: Brian Dempsey, Edward Burns

Police: Edward Burns, Brian Dempsey

Q. Of L: Mayor Judith Mehlbaum, Brian Dempsey

Recreation: Mark Rainis, Brian Dempsey

Personnel: Joseph Kessler, Mark Rainis

School Bldg: Mark Rainis, Edward Burns

Blight Task Force: Joseph Kessler, Brian Dempsey

Landfill: (Representative) Joseph Kessler, (Alternate) Brian Dempsey

Land Bank: (Representative) Frank Zangari, (Alternate) Joseph Kessler



Flood Plain Manager: Daniel Cress

Emergency Management Agency (EMA): Kevin Kulish, Heath Ressler

President of Council: Charles A. Marquardt

Vice President of Council: Joseph Kessler

Vacancy Board: Joe Chiaretti

Tax Collection: Joseph Kessler

Right -to- Know-Officer: Mark Rainis

\*Permission to pay all bills as submitted and due. Mark Rainis made the motion. Brian Dempsey seconded. All those in favor. The ayes have it.

\*Motion to close Reorganization Meeting. Edward Burns made the motion. Brian Dempsey seconded. All those in favor. The ayes have it.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 14th, 2024

Respectfully Submitted,

Josephine Heffner  
Secretary/Treasurer

# **BOROUGH OF GIRARDVILLE**

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## **Regular Meeting**

**PLACE:** Municipal Bldg **DATE:** January 2nd.2024 **TIME:** 8:00pm

### **OPEN MEETING**

President of Council Charles Marquardt said after The Reorganization Meeting ajourned, now at this time we will open the floor for the Regular Monthly Meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call was done by Mayor Judith Mehlbaum at the Reorganization Meeting this evening prior to the Regular Monthly Meeting.

### **ROLL CALL** ( Mayor did Roll Call)

Members present: Joseph Kessler, Brian Dempsey, Mark Rainis, Edward Burns, Charlie Marquardt, Josephine Heffner, Attorney Arlen "Rick" Day, Mayor Judith Mehlbaum.

Members absent: None

#### **1. Open floor for Public Comment on Agenda:**

None

#### **2. Approval of Reports (as available):**

- a. **Minutes:** Motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting (December 13th, 2023). Motion made by Edward Burns, Seconded by Brian Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion Carried.
- b. **Treasurer's Report:** Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion made by Mark Rainis, Seconded by Brian Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion Carried.
- c. **Permit Report:** Nothing to report on Permits at this time.
- d. **Code Enforcement Officer's Report:** Motion to accept the Code Report. Motion made by Mark Rainis, Seconded by Brian Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion Carried.
- e. **Tax Collector Report and Motion to pay the Tax Collector:** Nothing to report on from the Tax Collector.
- f. **Mayor/Police Report:** Motion to accept the Mayor/Police Report. Motion made by Mark Rainis, Seconded by Joseph Kessler. Vote. All. Motion Carried.

#### **3. Review and Authorization to pay bills:**

Motion to accept and pay bills. Motion made

by Mark Rainis, Seconded by Brian Dempsey.  
Vote. All. Motion Carried.

Charlie said we have one more thing on Reports. I apologize I missed it. It's the final quarter of the Fire Chief's Report for the 3 months. We need a motion to accept the quarterly report from the Fire Chief. Motion made by Brian Dempsey, Seconded by Mark Rainis. Vote. All. Motion Carried.

4. **Unfinished Business:**  
None

5. **New Business:**

- a. Resolution 01-02-2024-1 It's for Midd Penn Bank. To appoint Midd Penn Bank for the Depository for the Borough. Motion made by Brian Dempsey, Seconded by Mark Rainis. Vote. All. Motion Carried.
- b. Resolution 01-02-2024-2 Is for Cash Management Services and appointing the person's who are authorized to act for Cash Management Services for the Borough. Motion made by Joseph Kessler, Seconded by Brian Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion Carried.
- c. Resolution 01-02-2024-3 Renewing Service Electric Cablevision, INC. Franchise. Motion made by Mark Rainis, Seconded by Brian Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion Carried.
- d. GAMA Positions ~ One from Butler Township and One from Girardville.
- e. We have a letter here. Resignation Letter effective immediately from Joseph Wayne. We need a motion to accept Joseph Wayne's letter. Motion made by Edward Burns, Seconded by Brian Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion Carried.

Solicitor Arlen "Rick" Day told Council they can go ahead and appoint positions. We don't have to advertise. Marie Finlan's position is up. Marie Finlan has applied for her position and so has Annette Whitecavage. We have an option of appointing Marie and then appointing Annette into Joseph Wayne's position. Edward Burns asked, we still have to make a motion Charlie and Arlen said yes. Edward Burns made a motion to put Marie Finlan back in her position. Seconded by Charlie Marquardt. Vote. All. Motion Carried. Solicitor Arlen "Rick" Day asked were there any opposed? I couldn't hear. Charlie said no and none of the Council said anything. Arlen said ok thanks.



Charlie said we just had a position that was vacated immediately. The seat vacated immediately was Joseph Wayne's. We can appoint Annette Whitecavage to that position. Correct, Charlie asked Solicitor Arlen "Rick" Day.

Arlen said yes. Motion to appoint Annette Whitecavage to Joseph Wayne's position. Motion made by Mark Rainis, Seconded by Brian Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion Carried.

Butler Township appointed Kate Jones for Butler Township. Solicitor Arlen "Rick" Day asked its ok for Butler Township to appoint her? Charlie said yes.

Charlie is asking does Annette now fill out the current of Joseph Wayne's position? Arlen said yes. Annette Whitecavage will now currently fill out the rest of Joseph Wayne's term. Then when his term comes up again you can run for it. To many people talking and talking very loud and I can't make out what's being said. Mary Beth Dougherty said Charlie needs to step out away from his chair to make motions or seconded them. Mary Beth, Charlie, and Solicitor Arlen Day having words back and forth. Other people are saying stuff too and can't make out what is being said or who is saying what. Solicitor Arlen Day said he checked today with Association of Borough's and the President of Council is allowed to make motions or seconded them. Solicitor Arlen Day asked Mary Beth where she got her information. He told her to go check on it. Mary Beth said I will tomorrow morning. She said how odd it was to check on it today before the meeting and the voting. I think it was set up already before the meeting. Mark Rainis said Mary Beth it was not set up. It was not set up. Wow, somebody had it set up Mark. Mary Beth still talking. Mark said there's still no answer yet. Mary Beth said and you might want to check with Kate Jones, Girardville always had to approve Butler. Too much talking loud from a couple of people and can't make out what's being said and by who. Mark Rainis said that's why I asked Jo. Mark said Jo what do you have for the votes? Jo said the votes for? Mark said who made the motion, who seconded, and who opposed. Joseph Kessler said we are going to have to re do it. Solicitor Arlen Day said that's fine, go ahead. Charlie said so do them all over again? Charlie said we have to do Katie Jones's.

Solicitor Arlen Day said I don't think there was an issue with Annette. So do Marie's over again. Charlie said Marie Finlan's position is up and she put her name in. She wants to run again. We need a motion for Marie Finlan. Edward Burns made the motion for Marie Finlan. Motion on the floor. So do I (Charlie) have to step away from my chair? Arlen said yes. There's no rule that the President of Council has to step away from your chair. The President can make a motion and seconded a motion. Charlie said I'll second the motion. All those in favor. Two ayes and three no's. Solicitor Arlen said that's why I asked before because I couldn't hear. Mark Rainis said that's why I tried to clarify the situation. Arlen said no, no I just asked before because I couldn't hear. Charlie said that position is up. Does anybody have anyone in mind? Joseph Kessler said for.. Charlie said and Mayor Judith Mehlbaum said Marie's position was voted out so now it's an open position. Joseph Kessler said we did Butler Township's? Charlie said no we didn't do that yet. I'll get to that. We didn't have to do Annette's. There was no controversy over her's. That's over with. Charlie said the Marie Finlan one, Mary Beth and them brought up about myself (Charlie) making a motion and said I couldn't do that. So we voted again. Joseph Kessler asked how many open positions are there that we are voting on? Charlie and Mayor Judith Mehlbaum said now three. One position in Butler Township and two in Girardville. Joseph Kessler said ok Annette got one in Girardville and Katie got the other one. Not yet, Mayor Judith Mehlbaum and Charlie said but she will. Joseph Kessler said but she will.

Annette said I have a question. I originally put in for Marie's position. Why am I getting Joe Wayne's position and have to rerun again and Joe Wayne's position is up shortly? Why am I not getting the first position which is opened? I'm only asking a question. Charlie said ok, I totally get it. Charlie said we can appoint Annette Whitecavage into Marie Finlan's

position. That makes an opening on the board in Joe Wayne's position which you would fill out his current term.

Does anyone show interest in it here tonight? Mark Rainis said yes. Charlie said ok. So someone needs to make a motion for Mark Rainis. Joseph Kessler made a motion for Mark Rainis to fill in Joe Wayne's position on GAMA board and fill out his current term. Seconded by Brian Dempsey. Vote. All. Edward Burns said no. The ayes have it over the no's. Motion carried. Mark Rainis your going to take over Joe Wayne's position and fill out the remainder of his term and then you can reapply. Charlie said good to Mark Rainis and Mark Rainis said yes to Charlie.

Charlie said the next one is Katie Jones. She submitted in for the Representative for Butler Township and Butler Township submitted into us and we need to approve it. So we need a motion to approve Katie Jones to serve as the Butler Township Representative on the Girardville GAMA Board. Brian Dempsey made the motion, seconded by Joseph Kessler. Vote. All. Motion Carried.

#### 6. Correspondence:

Letters, Flyers, & Magazines

#### 7. Reports on Committee:

**Police:** Edward spoke to Jeremy about the parking around the Fire Hydrant. Edward said I don't like to squeal but there's still parking around the Fire Hydrant. I know you're doing the best you can. There staying off the corners. Jeremy yes I can address that and I will.

Charlie said it was brought up several months and we have been reviewing it. There's a couple different options on this but the hill coming down the side of the school from Main Street to Ogden Street, there's a Fire Company up there Girard Hose can't get out. Asking if it could be made a One Way Street coming down from the Main Street to Ogden Street and have NO PARKING on that street on either side. We haven't done anything yet because of the weather. We are looking at signage and all. When we get all the information, we will bring it to the meeting and post it. People have asked about the handicap spots. Also there was a question about Residential Parking on the School Building Block on that side for residents that live there only. So we're still looking at that. Jeremy is checking in on that too. We have been working with the school to encourage everyone to park at the



basketball courts, down on the sides. We can even open the gates and let the coaches park in the yard. Park anywhere so we can try to free up parking that's going on there. Jeremy I think said whatever I can help with the parking there I will. Betty Ann Bernosky said Charlie you already did that a couple of years ago. Bob and Marie Finlan came to that meeting. Charlie said yes but we had issues with it Betty Ann and now we are getting them worked out. There were a lot of issues. Once we get them all worked out and once its all finalized then we'll bring it out and it will take effect when we post it, signage, painted and once we get it up and running it will be an asset there for the hill for sure. I know Third Street is a big issue with them parking around the fire hydrant. David Willis said Charlie your making Third Street to Ogden Street a One Way? Charlie said no. Vine Street One Way from Main Street to Ogden Street. David Willis said oh oh, ok. I know, that's the one we were talking about. Ok I know what you're talking about.

Charlie said anybody else have anything on Committee's? Solicitor Arlen "Rick" Day said yes just on the Bidding Requirements. I'd like to touch base on it and explain it a little bit to Council and the public.

Charlie said Annette, she said that Tax Committee thing you put me on. I went to the quarterly meeting December 18, 2023. They reorganized and voted everyone in and then we will be having our next meeting in March. So I believe the new person you put on Joe Kessler, you will have to send the information to Larry Pordora because he's the President and he will send an email to Joe Kessler with the information on when the next meeting is. Charlie said ok. Annette said that meeting will be the important one to vote on the Tax Collector Reports for the Wage Tax. Charlie said and that meeting is going to be held sometime when? Annette said sometime in March and its always at 6 o'clock at the Courthouse. Charlie said ok. So we just have to get a letter down to him? Annette said yes to Larry Pordora. Charlie said ok. I'll talk to you about it to morrow.

Charlie said 2 other things we have here too.

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A letter to request permission to hold the Annual St. Patty's Day Parade starting at Noon on March 23, 2024 with a rain date April 6, 2024. We request the use of the Borough Hall for parade registration. We need a motion for the use of the Borough Hall for parade registration. Edward Burns made the motion, seconded by Brian Dempsey. All those in favor. The ayes have it.

A letter requesting to block off Beech Street, Intersection of Second Street, and Line Street on March 23, 2024 (rain date April 6, 2024). Our barriers will be in place from 6am till 7pm. We need a motion. Edward Burns made the motion, seconded by Brian Dempsey. All those in favor. The ayes have it.

Joseph Kessler said I have a question. Does he get a Permit to block the streets? Charlie said does he get a Permit? Joe Kessler said yeah. Charlie said we could either issue him a Permit or not. Joe Kessler said do you issue him a Permit to block the streets off? Charlie said Oh do we issue him a Permit or not? Joe Kessler said yeah. Mark Rainis said don't we? Edward Burns said I always thought he had one but I could be wrong. Mark Rainis said wasn't it last year if he didn't get his own dumpster, he wasn't getting a Permit? Charlie said yes and he's responsible for the dumpster and the clean up.

Next we have the 2024 Hazard Mitigation Projects. We have listed them as Project 1 Dredging the Creek, Tree Removal, and Storm Drains. Project 2 Blight Properties that can be Code. Project 3 Storm Damage. We the Girardville Borough Council have discussed our Hazard Mitigation Plan for 2024. We have prioritized our projects. We all agreed to this plan of action. This is something we worked with the County. So we all signed off on it and submitted into the County which everybody was required to do. I'm just letting everybody know. This will help us with FEMA having this in place.

8. **Public Comment:**

Rob Krick... I have a question. I noticed you haven't appointed anyone to the North Schuylkill Landfill. Charlie said yes I did. Rob said when? Charlie said at the meeting. I read

them out. It was on the Agenda. Mary Beth and Rob said it wasn't on the Agenda. Jo said it was and it was on the Committee's. Charlie said it was on with the Committee's and I read the Committee's out at the meeting Rob well it's hard to hear. Well who's representing you? Joe Kessler and Brian Dempsey. Rob has anyone gone to a meeting? Yes they have. Rob then went on about the North Schuylkill Landfill closing and money was put aside for closing. Charlie said yes and he and Rob discussed and explained how much money would be given that the Borough would receive if it closes. Rob went on talking about what he read and heard and Charlie said what he read and heard about the North Schuylkill Landfill closing. Rob wants to know the money put aside for closure, is there a date or are they going to ignore it. Rob is concerned about if its going to close. Charlie went on explaining about what he has read and told. Other people started talking about it and what they were told. Rob said ok thanks. Charlie said sure and as information comes to us we will let you know because it's going to affect everyone.

Charlie said does anybody have anything else then I'll make a motion to adjourn. Motion to adjourn made by Edward Burns, seconded by Mark Rainis.

**Next Meeting: February 14th, 2024**

Respectfully submitted,

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**Regular Meeting**

**PLACE:** Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** February 14, 2024 **TIME:** 7:30pm

**OPEN MEETING**

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

**ROLL CALL**

Members present: Brian Dempsey, Joseph Kessler, Mark Rainis, Mayor Judy Melbaum, Charles Marquardt, Solicitor Arlen Day, Josephine Heffner.

Members absent: Edward Burns

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**APPROVAL OF REPORTS**

Minutes: Motion to accept the Reorganizational Minutes made by Brian Dempsey, seconded by Joseph Kessler. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to accept the Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes made by Brian Dempsey, seconded by Mark Rainis. 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 to accept the report and pay the Tax Collector made by Mark Rainis, seconded by Brian Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Mayor/Police Report: None.

Code Enforcement Officer's Report: Motion to accept the report as read made by Joseph Kessler, seconded by Mark Rainis. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Permit Officer's Report: None (No permits at this time).

## **BILLS**

Motion to approve the bill list as submitted and read was made by Brian Dempsey, seconded by Mark Rainis. Vote. All. Motion carried.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. President of Council Charles Marquardt read a letter about GAMA updates on what's happening from now until Pattent Company takes over collecting GAMA bills and payments. Once the audit is finished then Pattent Company will take over and fill in where GAMA couldn't replace their Secretary. GAMA will keep everyone updated on what's happening. Would you please share this letter to the public. If they have concerns they can attend the GAMA meeting which are the fourth Wednesday of the month starting at 6:30 pm. Thank you to everyone for their patience and understanding at this time. Sincerely Julie Zangari Secretary on behalf of the GAMA Board. They can contact Jo here at the Borough Hall. You're still taking payments here until everything is finalized and then everything will be directed to them correct or is it still going to continue here? Annette Whitecavage - No then everything will go directly to them at Marlin. Charlie - So there won't be no drop offs or nothing? Annette - Correct. It will be posted in plenty of time before it happens. Charlie - So if everybody has questions they can attend GAMA meeting with their questions and concerns.
2. Letter pertaining to the St. Patrick's Day parade has been cancelled (March 23rd) for this year only but we will still block off the streets to have a Block Party with entertainment. I thank the Council on behalf of the committee for your assistance over the past twenty some years. Sincerely Joseph J. Wayne chairman of the Girardville St. Patty's Day Parade Committee. Charlie said we already approved it right Arlen? So it continues unless he changes this too. Arlen - Yep. Arlen asked are they supposed to get food trucks in because they will need permits. Charlie said yes and they will get the Vendor Permits.

3. We need a motion to promote Brandon Gonzalez from Corporal to acting Officer in Charge. And that's due to our current Officer in Charge was removed from the schedule. We are waiting on some legal stuff before we make any final decision. A male resident interrupted and said I have an honest opinion on that. I don't know if I'm allowed to speak on that. That's why I'm asking. Arlen said you can leave him comment on that now it's up to you. Charlie said you want to comment on Brandon? The male resident said on the whole Police Department. Female resident said I would like to second that as well. Charlie - Okay. Arlen said so you want to wait until the end? Charlie and Arlen talking. They both said okay we'll do it at the end. Both residents said thank you. Charlie said OK we still need a motion to promote Brandon Gonzalez from Corporal to Acting Officer in Charge. Made by Mark Rainis. Seconded by Joseph Kessler. Vote. All. Motion carried.
4. Table it until next month about hiring Joseph Hahn.
5. We need a motion to adopt Resolution 02-14-2024, which corrects Resolution 03-29-22-1 by stating that it will be Girardville's Seal on the Resolution, not Frackville's. Made by Mark Rainis. Seconded by Brian Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried.
6. The Rangers hose company is requesting permission to have an Easter Egg hunt for the Children who reside in Girardville on Sunday, March 17, 2024. The rain/snow date would be Sunday, March 24, 2004. The Easter Bunny and the egg would arrive at 1:00 pm. They are asking permission to close Ogden Street from Line Street to Second Street for the Easter Egg hunt. Made by Mark Rainis. Seconded by Joseph Kessler. Vote. All. Motion carried.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Letters, flyers, and magazines

Letter of Resignation from Edward Burns for his position on the GAMA Board. Motion to accept Edward Burns' resignation effective February 14, 2024 made by Mark Rainis. Seconded by Brian Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Anyone interested in the GAMA position come to Borough Hall and put your name and resume in at the Borough Hall.

Letter of resignation from Edward Burns for his position on Girardville Borough Council. Motion to accept Edward Burns' resignation effective February 14, 2024 made by Joseph Kessler. Seconded by Brian Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried.

We will also be looking for anyone who wants to be a Councilman. If you're interested in having a Councilman position come to the Borough Hall and put your name and resume in at the Borough Hall.



Charlie and Arlen we have thirty days to fill in the Borough Councilman empty position and GAMA's position. Arlen said if you want to apply, do it before the next meeting.

Letter of Resignation from Mayor Judith Mehlbaum effective February 29, 2024. Mayor Judith Mehlbaum submitted the Resignation Letter on Wednesday, January 24, 2024. She will fulfill her position as Mayor until February 29, 2024. Council will accept it tonight and Arlen said it will go in effective February 29, 2024. Charlie said we will have thirty days from there to fill in her position so if anybody's interested come to Borough Hall and put your name and resume in. So next we need a Motion to accept Judy's resignation. Made by Brian Dempsey. Seconded by Joseph Kessler. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Resolution 2-14-2024 correcting an error on Resolution 03-29-22-1. Arlen interrupted saying we did that. Charlie said yes I'm just saying this concerns the heating system that was replaced. I just wanted to clarify what it was for and the Seal was inappropriately put on but not on our end.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

I'll open the floor for reports on committees.

Police - none.

Streets - none.

School Building - none.

Any other committees - none.

Solicitor - Just a note for one thing. You did forget to mention one of the other things with Jeremy is he communicated to a Councilman he intended to resign. So we're waiting for the letter.

### **FLOOR**

Sir, do you want to stand up and state your name so she could record and write everything down.

Donald Hamaker, 128 W. Ogden Street.

Charlie asked Donald if he could stop up after the meeting so you could give her your name and stuff, and address so she could write it down. Josephine the Secretary said I got it. Charlie said OK.

Donald - Yeah I know what was going to be done with his performance. I've been calling since April. Every week four or five times and he went and told people what I was doing and now I'm being harassed and threatened by them. He went and told them he was selling my house and there were new owners. Went and told the other people. The cop went and told me he was going to set up a sting operation against these people. He went and told them what he did and

what I'm doing. I'm not the one selling my house. I paid cash for it. I have a receipt, but this man is selling my house for the third time. It hasn't been taken care of. I came here back in December and asked you guys if he was selling it. Mayor Judith Mehlbaum if I'm not mistaken we talked about that and it's a civil matter. Charlie said yeah. Donald said yeah well even the District Attorney said it's criminal. Arlen said let me ask you this. Did the District Attorney take any action for you? Donald said oh he's going to call them he's going to call. That's a lie. Arlen - Right. Arlen said so which ADA was it, Michael O'Pake? Which one told you? Donald said it was Michael O'Pake. I went to see him and talk to him. Arlen - I just wanted to make sure if we were contacted so we know somebody who it was. I literally have every date I called in here. It was eighteen straight weeks. Arlen - OK Don't tell us your phone number out but give it to her before you leave, alright? Donald said alright, thank you. Arlen said alright. Donald said this lady has something to say.

Regina Belfiore, 36 E. Mahanoy Avenue. Do you have any information over there? Talanca, Patterson and Jean Ann Parfitt. Nothing has been done about the complaint I made. So where do we stand. Mayor Mehlbaum with all this information I have given them. Mayor Judith Mehlbaum said I was where? Regina said you were there when I made a complaint against Jean Ann Parfitt and I still have that complaint. Mayor Judith Mehlbaum said oh yes, that I remember. Regina - Where we at with that? Mayor Judith Mehlbaum - I have no idea what he did with it. Regina - Nowhere with it. Oh I'll also be calling the District Attorney's Office. Mayor Judith Mehlbaum - Oh OK. Regina - So where we at with everything? Mayor Judith Mehlbaum - I have no idea. Regina - I have a PFA that I reported on Saturday (February 10, 2024). Patterson couldn't handle a phone call. So now I'm not protected by Girardville Police Department now. Mayor Judith Mehlbaum said why couldn't he answer the phone call? Regina said because he can't have any contact with me for harassing text messages that have never been investigated. Mayor Judith Mehlbaum said I did talk to Officer Patterson about that and he said if it was an emergency he told you he would definitely come up. Regina - a PFA is an emergency. Mayor Judith Mehlbaum said but you told him it wasn't an emergency. Regina - This is why I don't want to speak to him. I want to see him face to face. Mayor Judith Mehlbaum said he can't come up. Regina - He can't do his job then. Mayor Judith Mehlbaum said I'm lost here. Regina said you're lost here. Arlen said we can have someone else look at this. Regina - I'm lost, you're lost. I'm sorry for being rude here but I'm sick and tired of being kept shut by everybody. There's something wrong in this whole entire place of Girardville & Arlen asked why couldn't he go up to her house. Regina - Because Patterson has been sending me text messages since May. Charlie said so you have the PFA against Patterson? Regina said no my ex boyfriend. I made a complaint to Talanca who was to investigate everything and never did. So now the District Attorney is involved with myself as well and I'm not giving you anything. You can figure it out yourself. Regina said if you want anything it's Detective Robins. So there Mayor Judith Mehlbaum said so it's being investigated by the DA? Donald said something but couldn't hear it. Regina said then again he's the only one that's been reaching out. Mayor Judith Mehlbaum said OK. Regina said Talanca blocked the Borough's number out. I don't answer blocked numbers because of everything I've been gone through. Patterson left me four nasty voice mails. Mayor Judith Mehlbaum asked Regina do you have them? Regina said absolutely, I keep everything. Donald - Mayor we came to you about two months ago about the harassment



and threatening. Nothing was ever done about it and they're still going about. Mayor Judith Mehlbaum said I do remember you coming back about the house being soldw. Donald said yeah. This is the third time. Mayor Judith Mehlbaum - Yeah what I was told about that is, it's civil and there's nothing we could do about that. It's a civil case. Donald - It was a set up from the get up. Regina - And Jean Ann never filled since she told me that she's the Secretary for the Police. Where's that investigation at?

Donald - His lawyer was the Notary. Charlie - First of all I don't know what you're talking about and I don't care what anybody else says but this is the first I'm hearing all of this with Jeremy. Regina interrupts and says this is the first you're hearing all this and you're part of Council. Charlie - Yeah because you went through the Mayor and Police Department. Regina - But y'all should be like your mind together. Charlie - That's not the way they do it. That's not the way he wants us to do it. We go on based on the facts the Solicitor tells us. Regina - Jean Ann told her favorite Police Department that I (Regina) was here for an hour and a half and I gave a bunch of information and that's important. Charlie - OK. Regina - I know yous are brothers. Arlen said did you say Detective Robin? Regina - Yes, Detective Robin from the DA's Office. Arlen said OK. Donald - I have a source on the inside the detective never went to charge her. They charged her with one charge. Mayor Judith Mehlbaum said charged who? Donald - Charged the person who stole \$50,000.00 worth of shit out of my house. He charged her with theft of a battery, \$10.12, not anything else. Just so you see that there was theft and there's a bench warrant for her. I went a year next month since this happened. Arlen - Once we charge her, they issue warrants but we don't. Donald interrupted he didn't even show. Arlen - Yeah, we can't control that if he doesn't show up. Donald interrupts well somebody's got to show up. Arlen - Let me finish. If he doesn't show up and they have a bench warrant on him, once he's found that's when he comes in. If he doesn't just walk in the DA can't proceed. Donald - Why? I gave them her address. Arlen - Did you give it to the Sheriff's Department? Donald - Whoever comes in. It's usually the State Troopers that get called in. Arlen - You're giving them an address and they're not getting in there. I don't know why and can understand that frustration. Once it's filed and there is a bench warrant issued, until they pick that person up and I know, you're not the first person that told or called them and said the person is there. Donald talking the same time as the Solicitor and I can't make out what he's saying. Donald - Your Police Force will never do anything to me. Why? Because she was getting into a vehicle with Gonzalez and Talanca and going off and blowing them. People in the audience start laughing. Arlen says no. Donald - Excuse me, I'm only telling you what was told to me by the neighbors. Arlen says no, that cuts off right there. Charlie - yeah. Mayor Judith Mehlbaum says that's enough right there. Donald - Yeah, this isn't the first time hearing about these accusations. Regina said I can provide text messages right now if anybody wants to see them from Officer Patterson. Regina and Donald speaking at the same time It's hard to hear what each one is saying. Regina - Do you want to see these text messages from Officer Patterson right now? Charlie and Arlen are talking to one another. Mayor Judith Mehlbaum says I have no clue. Mayor Judith Mehlbaum says I don't listen to hearsay. Charlie and Arlen are talking among themselves. There's a whole lot of talking going on with different people and I can't tell who is saying what. Donald is talking to the Mayor. Mayor Judith Mehlbaum says it's hearsay and I'm not listening to hearsay. Charlie - OK, OK, alright getting everyone to be quiet. Charlie said go ahead Arlen. Arlen says to Regina Detective Robin is



handling yours? Regina said Detective Robin is handling mine, yes. Arlen - alright and you actually spoke to Mike O'Pake? Donald - Yes but they keep saying the same thing, that they will contact the Police Department. Regina said Detective Robin has also been to my home with another detective. Arlen - Alright, we will have someone from the Police Department to get in contact with them. Alright? Donald - Alright. Regina - Thank you. Mark Rainis - What about the text messages Arlen? Arlen said no. Regina said do you want to look at the text messages right now? Arlen said Robin is the one who handles it and I don't want to screw anything up. Mayor Judith Mehlbaum said leave that to Robin. Regina - I'll show anyone after this meeting the text messages. Mayor Judith Mehlbaum said no, show them to Robin. Joseph Kessler said I got a question. Regina said I can share them with anyone I want to. Mayor Judith Mehlbaum said you can, whoever wants to see them, that's fine but keep them that he sees them. Regina said I have every one since May, every single one. Mayor Judith Mehlbaum said OK. Charlie said Joe? Joseph Kessler said who is the Police Department's Secretary. Charlie said there isn't any. Mayor Judith Mehlbaum said there isn't any. Regina said thank you. Joseph Kessler said I thought I was talking to the Police Department's Secretary. Regina interrupts and said Jean Ann Parfitt told me she was the Secretary for the Police Department. Joseph Kessler said unfortunately she's not. Regina said unfortunately I found that out after the fact she told me she was. Arlen said alright. So have Gonzalez since he's not involved with any of this contact Robin and the DA's office about both of them to see what is going on.

Mark Rainis said to Regina you stick around at the end and talk to Arlen, OK? Mayor Judith Mehlbaum said Regina? Mark Rainis said Regina are you listening? Regina said excuse me. Mark Rainis said when we're done here stick around. We want to see those text messages and all. You could talk to Rick, OK? Regina said well OK, I have to get back to my son. Mark Rainis said we're just about done here and we will wrap it up. We'll talk here then. Regina said OK. I can show you the last few minutes of him. Mark Rainis said we'll talk then. Let's finish up here. Regina said is this going to be anything that could compromise the investigation? Mark Rainis said no.

Arlen said actually to be honest to you I just don't want to talk to you. (Charlie Marquardt in the background saying I don't want to look at any of this.) Arlen - Yeah, I (Arlen) just prefer not to talk to you, to make sure Robin and nobody has a problem with this. (Charlie Marquardt in the background saying yeah). So I might tell you to get the State Police involved. Mayor Judith Mehlbaum started talking and so is Donald talking while Arlen is trying to say something. Arlen said wait let me finish. Donald said State Police keep telling them Girardville has their own PD. They got to investigate Regina said they have to investigate. Arlen says State Police can do it in everywhere but regardless. Regina said Robin told her if she's hurting he'll contact State Police himself. Arlen said yeah. Arlen said fine with you if she doesn't want a certain Officer contacting? Right now we have one on leave. Arlen said to Regina let me talk to you. I don't want you. I'd rather just talk to you.

Mayor Judith Mehlbaum said Gonzalez is off on leave so he's not in and that leaves Patterson who you can't use. So you're going to have to contact State Police. Regina said OK. Well Patterson never told me Gonzalez was on leave. He told me Gonzalez will talk to me on Saturday. Mayor Judith Mehlbaum said he may not have known he's on paternity leave. Regina

said paternity leave? Oh OK. Charlie said his wife just had a baby. Arlen said if you want to wait until he's back that's fine with us too. Regina said no, I'll deal with the State Police. Arlen said alright, alright.

Charlie said anybody else? Someone said Charlie, Margaret has something. Charlie said Margaret Haley. Margaret Haley said Charlie what's the status on the building next to the park? Did you see about getting an emergency order to get that torn down because it was caving in more everyday? The guys are looking into it. They have to get the paperwork finalized but we are trying to get the funding to get it torn down, yes. Margaret said because if that falls it's going right into the side of my house and then I won't have a house. I have Bernie's on one side of me and

his on the other side and I'm not going to continue to do without. Charlie asked did you get status with Bernie's yet? I (Margaret) spoke to Frank today he called me and he's working on things. As far as Erwin's with this heavy snow, I was waiting for that place to go right down. Charlie said okay. I'll (Charlie) find out through them the rest of the way to see what's going on with both sides. Margaret asked Charlie would you let me know? Charlie said I will definitely. Margaret said ok, good. She said the second floor apartment that's coming down more. The porch that's coming down more and when I go out in my yard you could see how the one top is going to go and if it comes my way I'm screwed. Charlie said okay.

(Arlen is talking to Charlie about 7&9 W. Ogden)

Charlie said, So we need a motion for our Solicitor to do a Tax Compromise and Exemption for 7,9 W. Ogden and 341 W. Mahanoy Avenue (Charlie and Arlen talking). Charlie said ok Mary Beth. The Solicitor and Councilmen were saying Motion, Motion. Mary Beth said not yet, hang on. Charlie said I'm sorry. Motion on the floor made by Mark Rainis, Seconded by Joseph Kessler. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Charlie said I'm sorry, Mary Beth

Mary Beth said I know it's a on going issue in town with the coal trucks. I bet all these towns have the same problem, Ashland, Girardville. I think everybody needs to get together and reach out to DEP. They're overloaded. They're dumping especially when they come down through Connerton and the turn that goes through the Rapp is dirty and disgusting. What did I say? DEP, PennDOT, I don't know if they will come in with weights. Charlie said they were supposed to come out with those scales. I know a couple of months ago I think you said that Eddie Burns was going to talk to the coal company's mainly Gilberton. Charlie said yes. I don't mean every week and obviously not now but get the street sweeper. Charlie said we are trying to get the street sweeper out once a month. Mary Beth - They need to be good neighbors. Their making shit tons of money every day. Shit tons every day. Charlie - Yes. We're trying to get them to come in once a month and trying to get them to do both 54 and 4030 because they travel both directions and the Borough itself naturally do our streets but we want 54 and 4030 done by them and it won't hurt them. Mary Beth still talking and going on about the coal trucks and the dirt. Someone else in the audience a female also talking about it and can't hear what her and Mary Beth are saying and now said Mayor Judith Mehlbaum is talking about the coal trucks. Solicitor Arlen said Heckschersville had a blue truck when I went there, had a brown one when I got up the other side. Mary Beth and a few others talking all at once. Mayor Judith Mehlbaum said you still park on the Main street. I started parking out back. I couldn't see out my car windows to pull

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out. Mary Beth said their running Saturday's and Sunday mornings too. There running seven days a week. Mayor Judith Mehlbaum said yes they are. Yeah. Annette Whitecavage said and they won't slow down for anybody. Someone said you take your life in your own hands. Mary Beth said absolutely. When I go to back out, I go stand to see if anyone is coming. Charlie said okay, I'll get a letter out to West Mahanoy, Ashland, and Butler Township and see if they would be willing to get with us to discuss this. Mary Beth still talking about coal trucks. Annette said she knows the Street Sweeper is up in Gilberton and a couple times a week, I seen it. Charlie said he will do that because he's out by our plant. He actually goes up and down there. Mayor Judith Mehlbaum said she's waiting for a head on collision between Ashland and Girardville because you can't see the lines and at night it's just black. Mary Beth and other people talking but can't hear what they're saying. Mayor Judith Mehlbaum said one day because I followed a truck into town because it was over loaded and I called with license plate, time of day, and what Route he was on and I was told well there's several drivers that drive that same truck. So we don't know which one it was. They have a list of who drives that truck but that's what I was told. ( A bunch of people talking and it's very loud and can't hear what's being said) Charlie said okay, Does anybody have anything else. Need a motion to ajourn. Motion made by Mark Rainis, Seconded by Brian Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Next meeting. *March 13, 2024*

Respectfully submitted,

Josephine Heffner  
Secretary/Treasurer



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# **GIRARDVILLE BOROUGH**

**MEETING AGENDA: February 14, 2024**

## **ROLL CALL**

1. **Open Floor for Public Comment on Agenda**
2. **Approval of Reports (as available)**
  - a. **Minutes**
  - b. **Treasurer's Report.**
  - c. **Tax Collector's Reports and motion to pay the Tax collector.**
  - d. **Mayor/Police Report.**
  - e. **Code Officer's Report.**
  - f. **Permit Report.**
3. **Review and authorization to pay bills.**
4. **Unfinished Business: NONE**
5. **New Business:**
  1. **GAMA Updates (Letter)**
  2. **The Saint Patrick's Day Parade has been cancelled (March 23<sup>rd</sup>), but the road at Beech Street and Line Street will still be blocked off for the day if the motion passes to grant his request. There will be food trucks and Irish Bands for the day. (Letter)**
  3. **We need a motion to promote Brandon Gonzalez from Corporal to Acting Officer in Charge.**
  4. **We need a motion hire Joseph Hahn from Elysburg as a Police Officer.**
  5. **We need a motion to adopt Resolution 02-14-2024, which corrects Resolution 03-29-22-1 by stating that it will be Girardville's Seal on the Resolution, not Frackville's.**
  6. **The Rangers Hose Company is requesting permission to have an Easter Egg Hunt for the children who reside in Girardville on Sunday March 17, 2024. The rain/snow date would be Sunday, March 24, 2024. The Easter Bunny would arrive at 12:30 pm and the egg hunt would begin at 1:00 pm. They are asking permission to close Ogden Street from Line Street to Second Street for the Easter Egg Hunt.**
6. **Correspondence**
  - a. **letters, flyers and magazines**

**GIRARDVILLE BOROUGH**

**MEETING AGENDA: February 14, 2024**

- 1) **Reports of Committees, Council Members and Solicitor.**
- 2) **Open floor to public comment.**
- 3) **Motion to adjourn.**
- 4) **Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

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**Regular Meeting**

**PLACE: Municipal Bldg. DATE: March 6, 2024 TIME: 7:30 PM**

**OPEN MEETING**

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Charlie Marquardt

**ROLL CALL**

Members present: Brian Dempsey, Joseph Kessler, Mark Rainis, Charlie Marquardt. Solicitor Arlen Day, Josephine Heffner

Members absent: None

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA:**

Rob just have a question here. On number 8 permission for your solicitor to research acquiring for probertie's. Why is he so interested in 627 East Montgomery Avenue? It's an empty lot. President of Council, Charles Marquardt. Arlen said we should have had that in our name a while back. When it was torn down, it was never put in our name Rob. Is it a reason to get it put in our name? Charlie, well Yeah, based on what our solicitor is telling us. Charlie said the reason to put it in our name is so we could sell it so someone else could purchase it. We could still collect some money. These properties we should have put in our name. When they were torn down. Rob said they were in an emergency setting. They were torn down because the engineer had determined. They were going to fall down right in the street. Charlie right. Rob there was no need to get the property in your name. Charlie said right. Yeah, but they are still registering the property under her name and we have to get it under our name because money was used. Solicitor Arlen Day said the other issue was, we didn't put a lien on it back then. When we tore it down, we should have put a lien on the property, So that way with the lien on it, if it got sold, we would get paid something but we didn't. We said Hey, it's there. It's available for the repository bed to get it, so why not? Do it rob one more question if someone wanted to purchase it. Arlen said I'm sorry. What Rob, say if someone was interested in purchasing it?



There would be an appraisal done under the Borough Code? Arlen, right yep. Rob that cost falls on? Arlen if they want to buy it, it's on them. Rob said it falls on them. Arlen said yep right. Rob said thanks, Arlen said yep.

### **APPROVAL OF REPORTS**

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

**Treasurer's report:** Motion to accept the report made by Bryan Dempsey., seconded by Mark Raines., Vote. All. Motion carried.

**Tax Collector's report:** None.

Anetta said she gave it to the Borough. In 2023, we only had 69% collected in the borough for taxes. So we are the lowest in Schuylkill County collections period so we collected 69% last year.

**Mayor's/Police report:** None.

**Code Enforcement report:** Motion to accept the report as submitted made by Joseph Kessler., seconded by Brian Dempsey, Vote. All. Motion carried.

**Permit Officer's report:** None.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Mayor Position receives the letter For the Mayor Position that's vacant from Judith Mehlbaum. The only application received for Mayor Position. Charlie said at this time. I'd ask council to make a motion to a point Michael Zangari to finish the term of the past Mayor. Motion made by Mark Rainis Seconded by Brian Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried.

2. Council's Seat, we received 2 applicants for Heiser that position. The council's seat position is vacant from Edward Burns. The 2 applicants are Dan Heiser and Tammy Zangari period both have letters in request to be appointed to the board. Danny was previously on as a councilman and Tammy is eager to contribute her skills, experience, and passion to the Borough of Girardville. At this time, we have 2. Motion made by Mark Rainis for Tammy Zangari, Seconded by Brian Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried. Charlie said welcome aboard Tammy. Tammy said. Thank you. Charlie said, Tammy you and Michael both have to get sworn in, Tammy said yep.

3. Gamma Board Seat Position is vacant from Edward Burns position. We received 2. by Mark Rainis. Vote. All. Motion carried.

## NEW BUSINESS

1. Received a resignation letter from Jeremy Talanca, effective 2-10-2024. And we did receive all of our stuff back. Motion to accept Jeremy's resignation motion made by Mark Rainis  
Seconded by Brian Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried.
  
2. We received our liquid fuels allocation for 2024, and it's \$39478.89. We need a motion to place our 44 ton. Order for the end of this year, and beginning of next year, motion made by Brian Dempsey. Seconded by Mark Rainis. That's through the Costars Program 44 ton (2-22 tons) of rock salt contract with Costars.
  
3. Requests from Ashland Little League Dodgers are requesting to use Girardville Little Field starting next week until mid-june, we are including a Certificate of Insurance with this request. Thank you for your consideration, Chris Marquardt. They did send their Certificate of Insurance. Motion to let Ashland Little League Dodgers to practice on the field. I think it's going to be 1, 2 or maybe 3 nights a week. Solicitor Arlen Day said to their own Liability Insurance. Charlie, yep, they have it here. Solicitor Arlen Day said yep, Charlie said yes, it's all subject to their own. Liability Insurance, that's here. We received a copy of it. Motion made by Mark Rainis,  
Seconded by Brian Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried.
  
4. Ashes will be just getting picked up on Fridays now.
  
5. We got approval to enter into a Corporation Agreement with the county for demolition projects located at 7 and 9 West Ogden Street and 341 West Mahanoy Avenue. Motion made by Mark Rainis, Seconded by Brian Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried.
  
6. Permission for the solicitor to look into getting the properties at 7 and 9 West Ogden Street and 341 West Mahanoy Avenue exempt from real estate taxes and compromise current taxes due and future taxes. Motion made by Mark Rainis,  
Seconded by Brian Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried.
  
7. Permission for Solicitor to Research 4 Properties. Charlie said Rick, I'm going to let you discuss those 4 Properties. Rick, yeah ok.  
(1) 129 West Main Street It's a danger property if we would take it by conservative ship. It would be more money than it's worth. We're considering it by taking it eminent domain to do that. You first want to get an appraisal because you have to pay fair market value when you take A property Eminent Domain need a motion to have an appraisal done on it and take it by Eminent Domain. If it's feasible. Motion made by Mark Rainis, Seconded by Joseph Kessler. Vote. All. Motion carried.  
(2) 344 East Mahanoy Avenue is on the Judicial Sale, not on the Repository to purchase it. Solicitor Arlen Day did advise the County Tax Claim Bureau that Girardville wants that listed for demolition only, so it can only be purchased for demolition. Odds are no one will purchase it for demolition. But if they do that's the purpose they have to do that. Charlie said we need motion to proceed with that. One motion made by Joseph Kessler. Seconded by Brian Dempsey, Vote. All. Motion carried.

(3) 231 West Main Street. That's a vacant property. We want to obtain the title by purchasing it through Repository for resale. Motion made by Joseph Kessler, Seconded by Mark Rainis. Vote. All. Motion carried.

(4) 627 East Mahanoy Avenue. The same with that property. We demolished that years ago and never took a lien on it. So we want to try and purchase it and resell it. Motion made by Joseph Kessler. Seconded by Brian Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried.

8. The Easter Egg Hunt at the Ranger's Hose Company is on Sunday March 17th, at 1 PM with the Easter Bunny arrival at 12:30 PM. Rain date is Sunday March 24th. The Sign-Up Sheet is here in the vestibule.

9. Originally we didn't have all the paperwork, but we have all the paperwork now. And this is for a handicap parking sign. This is for Marie Finlan located at 137 "A" Street in Girardville. The Street Committee, I believe, has reviewed it. Need a motion to allow her to have a Handicapped Parking Spot. Motion made by Brian Dempsey. Seconded by Joseph Kessler. Vote. All. Motion carried.

### **BILLS**

Motion to approve the bill list as submitted and read. Made by Mark Rainis Seconded by Brian Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

a. letters, flyers, and magazines

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Police: Nothing.

Street: Charlie said guys are out. Finally, we were able to get our cold patch. The plant was down for a while. They finished at the end of "A" Street. I believe that they're working on Second Street to Ogden Street and then wherever else they have to. We had some tree damage. Trees are down over in the "C" Street Park. Clean them up too. A lot of them trees are way out of our league. So we are out soliciting to see if and in fact, it's feasible to have the trees topped off over there. There's about 14 trees. Some of them are humongous. Council will have to get costs from bidders and we also have a call into Girard State because it is their property. We lease it so maybe we could get assistance from them. We have to make a decision on what we're going to do with that park.

School Building: Nothing

Finance: Nothing

Personnel: Nothing

Code/QofL: Nothing



Recreation: Nothing

Solicitor: Nothing

Parks: Charlie already went over about the parks.

Landfill: Nothing

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ed Labbie, Charlie question. I was wondering if there's any update on the Storm Drain on "A" Street Shrub Alley? Charlie said no. Ed you had some meetings on it, and I never heard anything. Charlie, they never got back to Don yet about anything with that up there, and he's been trying to get that and when any of the next Phase is going to be done this year or not. It's kind of like the last thing they did and we haven't gotten any response back from them. We do have calls into them. The Engineer at Aqua, their Engineering Firm and Don has yet to receive anything. He said the first time he does, he would let us know. I'll reach out again tomorrow to Don and see if he has received anything but as of yesterday nothing. As far as this might be the final phase of the rest of the Water Project, we're just waiting to see. I understand it was put out to bid. Don't know, we didn't get any response yet here. As far as any kind of bid meetings here. I don't think it was put out to Bid but I don't know for sure. We don't have any updates on that. I'm hoping that would happen. So they could come in and finish the project. And then we could possibly get some of these streets paved. That's just what we're waiting on. But we may have to take a different approach if they don't come in this year by the end of the summer to do something especially with Second Street so we'll just have to wait and see what the outcome is. But as soon as I hear something Ed I will let you know I know they took pictures and they were. There I don't know, they have a couple of different concerns up there. As soon as I hear something. I'll let you know.

Charlie said OK, anybody else, Frank?

28 and 30 East money Avenue, Billy and I posted them today. Those properties Should be. for demchin only. Neither property owner has insurance. Charlie said 2830 Frank said yeah, at some point the miss. The polity needs to look at people doing buying homes in Gerardo and renting homes in dryville. That do not have insurance if Todd's building would have caught on fire. That's 4 apartments we would have lost. People got out. Thank God there's a fine example. You got to start holding people responsible that buy houses in town. Get insurance Well, if they say I can't get insurance is one thing, but liability for people that have their house fixed and done is enormous. Maybe there's something we could look at from the state law aspect or another musicality. Charlie said thank you for that knowledge. That fire was on defense mode. The 28th property was not occupied for over 4 decades, and the 30 property was completely got it. On the inside, there was nothing to save. So for the record, we're not saving lives for volunteers or our mutual aid. Companies to save burning buildings. It's not going to happen. I really don't care what social media has to say. This community needs to understand we're coming home safe. So whatever we can do to look at something like that. We need to

start addressing that. Charlie said okay, anybody else OK, before we adjourn Council, our former Mayor, Solicitor we have a brief Letter and Presentation to be given to Frank Zangari, with March 24th quickly approaching we are preparing to celebrate Fire Chief Frank Zangari's 50 years of dedicated service to the Borough of Girardville. Charlie read the letter out loud. Charlie finished reading the letter and there was a big round of applause from the Council table and the residents in the audience. Charlie then presented Fire Chief Frank Zangari with a Plaque and Certificate, and thanked the Fire Chief for his 50 years of service. Charlie said once again Frank, thanks for all your services and all your leadership. Fire Chief Frank Zangari said to Charlie, "My only comment is "Good Leadership Starts with Good People" and we got a lot of them. Charlie said one more thing before we adjourned. We are still and I know the people in town are. I joined forces with Gilberton, Butler Township, Ashland, Girardville and West Mahanoy, to get this with the coal trucks situation resolved with letters going out. We are also sending letters up to Gilberton Coal requesting street sweeper for 54 and 4030 in the Borough of Girardville once all that's finished, hopefully we get everything resolved. We are also asking them to continue to run the street sweeper for as long as they continue to run the trucks through. We also looked into the State Police about getting the departments here for the weights and scales hopefully. Everybody has the problem and I know ours is really bad too. Annetta Whitecavage said there's also a Facebookpage with a petition being signed by Roseanne Weinreich to get just signatures. You just have to put your name on it. It's under the Shenandoah Sentential. Just sign it and right now. She has over a 100 signatures to present to whoever Charlie said. Well, that's good for everybody to go on there and sign the petition. And that would be a big help. Charlie said at this time I'll entertain a motion to adjourn. Motion adjourned by Mark Rainis, Seconded Joseph Kessler. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Next Meeting April 10th, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

Josephine Heffner

# GIRARDVILLE BOROUGH

MEETING AGENDA: March 13, 2024

## ROLL CALL

### 1. Open Floor for Public Comment on Agenda

### 2. Approval of Reports (as available)

- a. Minutes
- b. Treasurer's Report.
- c. Tax Collector's Reports and motion to pay the Tax collector.
- d. Mayor/Police Report.
- e. Code Officer's Report.
- f. Permit Report.

### 3. Review and authorization to pay bills.

### 4. Unfinished Business:

- ✓1. Mayor Position
- ✓2. Council Seat
- ✓3. GAMA Board Seat

### 5. New Business:

- ✓1. We received a Resignation Letter from Jeremy Talanca
- 2. We received our Liquid Fuels Allocation for 2024
- 3. We placed our 44 ton (2 – 22 tons) of Rock Salt Contract with CoStars
- 4. Ashland Little League request permission to use our Little League Field
- 5. Ashes just getting picked up on Fridays
- 6. Need Approval to enter into a Cooperation Agreement with the County for Demolition Projects Located at 7 & 9 West Ogden and 341 W Mahanoy
- 7. Solicitor looking into getting the Properties at 7 & 9 West Ogden and 341 W Mahanoy Exempt from Real Estate Taxes
- 8. Permission for Solicitor to Research Acquiring 4 Properties
  - 1. 129 West Main Street
  - 2. 344 East Mahanoy Avenue
  - 3. 231 West Main Street
  - 4. 627 East Mahanoy Avenue
- 9. The Easter Egg Hunt at the Ranger's Hose Co. is on Sunday March 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm, with the Easter Bunny to Arrive at 12:30 pm. Rain Date is Sunday March 24<sup>th</sup>. The Sign-Up Sheet is here in the Vestibule

- 10. *Marie Finlan - Handicap Parking Spot.*
- 6. Correspondence



**GIRARDVILLE BOROUGH****MEETING AGENDA: March 13, 2024****a. letters, flyers and magazines**

- 1) Reports of Committees, Council Members and Solicitor.**
- 2) Open floor to public comment.**
- 3) Motion to adjourn.**
- 4) Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024.**

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### Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. DATE: April 10, 2024 TIME: 7:30 PM

### OPEN MEETING

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Vice President of Council Joseph Kessler

### ROLL CALL

Members Present: Brian Dempsey, Joseph Kessler, Mark Rainis, Tammy Zangari, Mayor  
Michael Zangari, Solicitor Arlen Day, Josephine Heffner  
Members Absent: President of Council Charles Marquardt

### PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA:

Nothing

### APPROVAL OF REPORTS

**Minutes:** Motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting made by Tammy Zangari ,  
seconded by Mark Rainis. Vote. All. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's report:** Motion to accept the report made by Mark Rainis, seconded by Tammy  
Zangari. Vote. All. Motion carried.

**Tax Collector's report:** Motion to accept the report and pay the Tax Collector made by Brian  
Dempsey, seconded by Mark Rainis. Vote. All. Motion carried.

**Mayor's/Police report:** Request for our fire police May 11th 2024 for Annual Firefighters  
Association Convention parade in Pottsville. Looking for assistance from 11 AM to  
approximately 6 PM. Mayor needs a motion to approve those guys to go if they're willing to go  
made by Tammy Zangari. Seconded by Mark Rainis. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Mayor Michael Zangari said it's very obvious. There is no Girardville Police Department working right now? I'd be lying to say. I don't think even with the great officers we had that. We received the proper coverage. That Girardville Borough should receive that. Certainly pays for part of moving forward. We want to hear from the public. There's going to be a police department survey. Put one out myself with the permission of council simply with one yes, and one no question. Should we continue to fund the driver police department? Knowing it might include tax increase to provide additional funding for equipment and raise wages to try and get some competent. Cops to provide service to Gerardo or no. We should not. We should no longer fund the driver police department And have a third party police department provide coverage. These will be available tomorrow morning here at the bureau hall. I'm sure they are going to make Facebook if you want to print your own off and bring it in you are more than welcome. Your name is 100% optional, but if you have any questions or concerns, have it addressed to me or council and put your name and phone number at the bottom we will be running this through May 3rd 2024 at 3 PM. That's the Friday before the next work session. So if you have an opinion about which route you want us to go, this is the first step we want to hear from the public, what they think if they want us to continue to fund it or increase wages to see if we could get better cops, I mean, better, not as in the cops we had I mean. As in better coverage. More frequent coverage. Better results from that coverage. That's what's going on now.

Motion to accept the report as read made by Tammy Zangari, seconded by Mark Rainis. Vote. All. Motion carried.

**Code Enforcement report:** Motion to accept the report as submitted made by Tammy Zangari, seconded by Brian Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried.

**Permit Officer's report:**

None

**Fire Chief's report:** Motion to accept the report as submitted made by Brian Dempsey, seconded by Mark Rainis. Vote. All. Motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Arlen said you do have unfinished business for a while about hiring police. Mayor Michael's Zangari said I'm going to ask council to higher Ger Daley as a patrolman @ \$20 an hour. It's capped at 10 hours a week. Assisting with administrative work that we can get this Police Department stuff straightened out. Tammy Zangari made the motion second by Mark Rainis. Vote. All. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Girardville Basketball Association would like again to use the Girardville Basketball Courts for our annual summer camp. We're asking permission to hold the event, the week of June 10th 2024 to June 14th 2024 from 9 AM to 12 PM. This camp is for student athletes from third grade through eighth grade. I will also update the council with completed prospects at the gym for



future prospects as well. Motion made by Brian Dempsey, seconded by Tammy Zangari. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Letter from Casey's office that Girardville Borough was ordered a grant for \$317,000.00. This is for renovations to the building. Doors, Bathroom Storage Area, Handicapped Accessible, thresholds, ect.

We got a letter from the county concerning the fall Clean up. Thursday, September 12th 9 AM to 5 PM, Friday, September 13th 9 AM to 5 PM, Saturday September 14th 9 AM to 1 PM.

We have a reminder here that Ashes will be collected on Friday's only.

A letter was read about a program for mosquito traps in Girardville Borough.

We received a letter from Ashland Softball League requesting to use our field for practice. Also a copy of their insurance was sent with the letter. Tammy Zangari said put it under advisement until I get the information from Frackville. Because 2 leagues are already using our outfield, Ashland and Frackville. Solicitor said pending availability make a motion, because the other 2 leagues asked first. Don't cut their practice days short. Motion made by Mark Rainis, Seconded by Brian Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried.

"C" Street Park is temporarily closed. Tammy Zangari said I'd like to piggyback off that we are in the works for grants for park renovation and beautification. We are going to work on grants. I need approval to apply for the grants made by Brian Dempsey. Seconded by Mark Rainis. Vote. All. Motion carried. Tammy Zangari said I need a Motion to advertise to get the trees pruned, topped. Made by Mark Rainis, Seconded Brian Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Mayor Michael Zangari said a letter from the fire chief for free smoke alarms done by the American Red Cross. There will be sign up sheets here at Borough Hall or you can call the fire chief. It's going to be happening in Girardville Borough on May 10th, 2024. You can contact the Girardville Borough Fire Chief or the Ashland Borough Fire Chief.

## **BILLS**

Motion to approve the bill list as submitted and read made by Tammy Zangari, Seconded by Mark Rainis. Vote. All. Motion carried.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

a. letters, flyers, magazines

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Police: Mayor Michael Zangari said over the last month myself and the police committee have worked on with some issues with the police department and that have been ongoing. There are some things that we want to clarify, Former Officer Tolanca has returned all his keys and Olive drawer. Volberg's equipment that was returned a couple of weeks ago. Everything from him was returned. His end date with Girardville Borough was cleared at the last council meeting at this time I'll tie's with Girardville Borough and Officer Tolanca are ended. There are 2 police officers on the books and will remain on the books until we get the answers back to the survey and we move on from there. Mayor Zangari said hold on, I apologize the only other thing we wanted to make aware of there were some questions raised about officer Tolanca about an expiring Mo peck number. We want the public to know and it was something. I was approached about the day after I was sworn in. We researched it through our local magistrate. There was no, 0, none. Citations filed under Talonca's mopeck number from December 1st. 2023 to present. So when his mopeck number ran out, there were no citations filed under Girardville and that was confirmed by the magistrate. I just want that out so everyone knows that did not occur even though that's what you read on social media.

Street: None

School Building: None

Finance: None

Personnel: None

Code/QofL: None

Recreation: Tammy zingeri said I do have something to add under parks. We were supposed to get the prisoners down to do some work due to the weather. They didn't come so they will be totally coming out to paint. Clean up some leaves and do work over there. Other than that, we will be shredding.

Recycling: None

Solicitor: None

Landfill: None

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Rob quick question, I see there, I'm not saying it right is the chief of police suing the Borough? Solicitor Arlen Day, said yes, suing in federal court. Solicitor Arlen Day yeah, federal court Solicitor Arlen Day, You know what? I'm pretty sure it was federal court. I think in the middle district.

Rob said about the "C" street park not owning it. Tammy Zangari said yeah, we have a copy of the lease. I did look into that, thank you.

Anita, I talked to Rose and Ryan Rick yesterday. And I know Rob. You're involved with the water shed committee. She's on she has a petition out about d. E! P, she's going to d. EP on every one of those trucks because of the dirt that they are bringing in on the streets at all. She's requesting that they have one of the water. We'll watch things at the end of all the exits that all the other places do around the state but nobody around here does. So if anyone sees anybody out in the town with the position it is legitimate petition. It's just saying you don't want these trucks dirtying up the highways. Solicitor Arlinda said thank you, Annetta, for bringing that up. Money city borough is trying to set up. And I'm not sure whose office it's throw yet. They are trying to set up a meeting with all the local municipen. Missed calls and townships we will be participating. In that we just haven't gotten a specific date yet. But I guess they are trying to get all the municipalities and townships together from that side of it to push this through as well. Girardville Borough will be participating when we get a date.

Annetta, she has a petition on Facebook and she also is. Well, Tom Flannery was here yesterday. I spoke to him about the petition? And a couple of people from Main Street has signed it. So if anybody sees anybody out and about, please try to help them because they are trying to help us.

Paul Kowalick, can I give GBA's end of the year reports with improvements. I can do that at the end of every year. I almost did it last meeting first off. That CBDG grant, we were turned down for that. Remember a couple of meetings ago? It was in the minutes that I think we thought it was a slam dunk that we got it. Well there's no news on that so Donny Cuff told me that we were turned down and Ron Zimmerman said it was because, well first off the grant was for the whole length of the front of the school. All we had asked for was the handicapped ramps at both ends of the beginning of the block. A lot of people came into the gym in wheelchairs and etc., hard getting in. We just met with them trying to get handicap ramps, Donny cuff ended up saying you would get all new sidewalks. A ramp going in the doors to get in that would become ADA compliance so he put in an application for it. And I thought it was approved and we were waiting. So I called myself and Zimmerman said it was turned down. You don't know anything about that? Joseph Kessler said I didn't know anything about that. Paul said Charlie knew a little bit about that and I thought Charlie would be here and talk a little about it and explain it. Donny Cuff told me he can't understand why the Borough was turned down. It wasn't GBA turned down. The grant wasn't GBA's. The grant was the Borough's. He said he can't understand why it was turned down but when I called down they said they would come up and look at it again. Mark Rainis asked, Is there any kind of appeal process to it? Paul said I imagine there's not. He was really good about it and courteous. He said generally they don't do sidewalks. They just started not doing sidewalks. I told him we just want a ramp and handicap accessibility. He would look into that and he would come up. I never got back with him again. So you don't know anything about that? I know it was in the minutes that it was approved. Arlen asked Josephine, she said it was under new business. Arlen said approval to apply for doesn't mean the grant. Paul said Donny told me that there's no way we are going to get turned down. Because of the recreation and etc, we have 300 kids from all over the place in there. Mark Rainis said Jo, see if



we could write a note and follow-up on that Jo said ok. Paul said they would follow-up and next time even if we got doors going in there with this ADA and all, the good news was we were approved, GBA was approved for the American Rescue Funds. When that was given out 3 or 4 years ago, the county had \$500,000 for non profits supposedly. So I was down there all the time going after them. We were trying to get an air filtration system throughout the gym. So if there was ever a pandemic and etc., we wouldn't have to close down. All this funding was supposed to be for such things. So I went down the county, commissioner's quite a few times and I was told yeah, this would probably happen. We were just told we are going to get \$5000. Which isn't going to get an air filtration but will have to use it for something else. The reason why we only got 5000 is because we are a small non-profit. We didn't go into saying we lost money like others did and I think you're going to hear about it in the newspapers in the next few days. NEPA was the one the county got to give out these grants and work through them. That's who I had to fill out all the applications for because we were one of the smaller organizations, and got \$5000 and I have to use it somehow for not sure how we are going to use it, but it has to be used in the proper ways. Besides that, we got the whole gym painted. This year. We had all the conduit taken out, all of the old heaters. The walls were finally fixed and Evans Painting painted all the walls for us. We closed off that 1 exit door on the West side of the gym, so we had to have another exit. So with the exit now we'll be going out to the school building and we got the exit signs. Is Frankie here? We got that exit sign. You go out in the school building now. We got LED lights throughout the hallways. So if there was an emergency, you opened the doors, the lights are going to come on and there's an emergency light there to show you how to go out towards "A" street. We put all of that in. Frank said, except for your fire escape. Paul said that's blocked off. You can't get out that way anymore. Mayor said that's great. Paul said. I would appreciate it if you would look into that CBDG grant and what went on there, Josephine said okay.

Mary Beth, quick question and kind of follow-up to Annetta, coal dirt and everything. If the residents were to sweep like we've done in the past years into a pile and call over to the Borough hall, would you let the guys pick it up? Mark Rainis said yes, that's a good idea. Mary Beth said yeah. Mark Rainis said people should take a little bit of pride in front of their homes. They did years ago and put it in a pile and they would come around. They do it with the ashes. I don't see why not.

David Willis, is anything being done to hold Jeremy accountable for misrepresenting himself all that time? Solicitor Arlen Day said the deal was he resigned. David said so you guys made an inside deal for him to resign. Solicitor Arlen said I didn't make an inside deal. I explained to him the circumstances and ask him what his intent was and he said he was going to resign. David, So no accountability? Solicitor said well, he's not working here anymore. My decision on that was, We're not going to have another police officer suing us. The Borough of Girardville. Let him resign, let him move on. Mark Rainis asked David, What kind of accountability did you have in mind? David said well, we have all these police officers suing our Borough. The Borough sue him for misrepresenting himself. Mark Rainis said so sue him? David said yes, for misrepresenting himself. I'm sure there's some kind of criminal applied to that situation too. The Solicitor said we could probably civil. No, but yeah, you could probably come up with some

criminal charges. The question is, do you then want to file a civil suit? And now we have another police officer suing the Borough and the insurance company will have to handle because they won't let me handle it. Because the insurance company gets their own lawyer. David saying something can't hear it. Arlen said, let me finish. Let me finish, then you're insurance rates go up somewhere so the tax goes up somewhere so it was in the best interest to the Borough to have him resign and not have to take any action and let it just go. We already have Fabrizio with a terrible lawsuit. That's, so well I don't want to comment on it, but that's being handled. Do I think he's going to win? No, but now our insurance company is spending money on it and we already had one. Mark Rainis said yeah, we don't want to get tied up in any more litigation. We want to put this behind us and move forward with him. We're moving forward.

Mayor said let me tell you what's happening tomorrow morning. Ger Daley is being hired for administrative work is going to be his job specifically for Girardville Police. He's going to be in charge of all the evidence. Just him, no one else, we're looking for accountability on him. He's also going to be in charge of our in sync program. If you don't know what our in sync program is, when I was Mayor previously I invested in a program that all of our reporting, evidence. Everything goes in that web-based program. That if you should get a bad cop, power outage, the computer goes down or whatever it's all backed up cloud face, and it's not on that computer. He will also be in charge of making sure MoPeck numbers are current, certifications are current and that comes to a report and comes to me. So the problem with some of this is, and Arlen can attest to it. Somethings us Council and Mayor, we can control and view it. There's other things we're not Police Officers we can not do. So his job Specifically, you're not going to see Ger Daley out on the street. I'm telling everyone that right now. We got to fix the internal stuff first. So, in part why we want this survey done so we know what direction we are going. I don't want that person out on an unsafe condition. There's no back up. I also want to make sure the head officer is current. The officer is truly an officer. The officer has his gun certification, his mopeck certification and everything else that follows through. So it's not an easy process. We like to think everyone is good with people's lives. So, that's what's starting today? I can't invent what happens before that but I can tell you that's what is starting today, and if you ever have a problem with an officer like that. The phone's open and you can certainly come in and talk to me if there's something you don't like call us, share it with us so we can address it immediately, that it's not prolonged for months.

Solicitor Arlen said just to fill you in a little more. It was my belief, we could have filed criminal charges on Fabrizio, but look Where we are and we didn't even do that. Where do you think we're going to be? If we start doing it now. Talanca let it go, Fabrizio let it go, let our insurance company handle it. I can tell you that certain things he'll say are going to be proven false, and he's sworn under oath in a legal pleading. That those things were true. So maybe somebody, maybe the Attorney General office might do something depending on the outcome of that suit but it irritates all of us, I'll tell you that.

JanEl Tarrick I drove tractor-trailer. All my whole life. I'm up at the house and try axles of my own, but if these guys don't slow down, somebody is going to get seriously hurt. Like I'm serious. I watch them all day long. They come into town and they go out of town going by my

place at 60 miles per hour and in town they're going just as fast. She kept going on about trucks. Too much talking. Can't hear anyone. Motion to adjourn made by Tammy Zangari, Seconded by Brian Dempsey. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Next meeting Wednesday May 8th, 2024 at 7:30

Respectfully submitted,

*Josephine Heffner*

## **GIRARDVILLE BOROUGH**

**MEETING AGENDA: April 10, 2024**

### **ROLL CALL**

1. **Open Floor for Public Comment on Agenda**
2. **Approval of Reports (as available)**
  - a. **Minutes**
  - b. **Treasurer's Report.**
  - c. **Tax Collector's Reports and motion to pay the Tax collector.**
  - d. **Mayor/Police Report.**
  - e. **Code Officer's Report.**
  - f. **Permit Report.**
  - g. **Fire Chief's Report**
3. **Review and authorization to pay bills.**
4. **Unfinished Business: NONE**
5. **New Business:**
  1. **Girardville Basketball Association**
  2. **Senator Casey Grant**
  3. **Fall Clean-up**
  4. **Reminder about Ashes on Fridays Only**
  5. **Mosquito Traps for Surveillance**
  6. **Ashland Girl's Softball Association**
  7. **"C" Street Park Temporarily Closed**
  8. **Hiring Police Personnel**
6. **Correspondence**
  - a. **letters, flyers, and magazines**
    - 1) **Reports of Committees, Council Members and Solicitor.**
    - 2) **Open floor to public comment.**
    - 3) **Motion to adjourn.**
    - 4) **Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024.**



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**Regular Meeting**

**PLACE: Municipal Bldg. DATE: May 8, 2024 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, Tammy Zangari, Mayor Michael Zangari, President Charles Marquardt, James Amato, Josephine Hefner.

Members Absent: Solicitor Arlen "Rick" Day, Joseph Kessler.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA:**

None.

**APPROVAL OF REPORTS**

**Minutes:** Motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting made by Tammy Zangari, *Seconded* by Bryan Dempsey. **Vote. All. Motion Carried.**

**Treasurer's report:** Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report made by Mark Rainis *Seconded* by Brian Dempsey. **Vote. All. Motion Carried.**

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**Tax Collector's report:** Motion to accept the Tax Collectors Report and pay the Tax Collector made by Tammy Zangari, Seconded by Brian Dempsey. **Vote. All. Motion Carried.**

**Mayor's/Police report:** Mayor Michael Zangari said obviously Girardville PD has not been working but our police Administrator Gerard Daley has been. So since the last meeting we prepared all the resignations of past officers that were still in mopeck. Those will be going out to be removed from Girardville Police mopeck. He was able to gain access to the reporting system and clean that up. He was in contact with PSP about the sexual assault data that we are required to handle. The District Attorney's Office requested reports that he was able to complete and send in, accident reports he was able to complete, 911 validations for guns. Those were completed and sent in. There were State for background checks completed and sent in, and some of the stuff that could be Purged was taken care of. I (Mayor Michael Zangari) have been working hand-in-hand with him so I could keep track of hours. He did all that in less than three hours, so that's quite impressive. That's what I have in the Mayor's Report. Motion to accept the Mayor's report made by Mark Rainis, Seconded by Brian Dempsey. **Vote. All. Motion Carried.**

**Code Enforcement report:** Motion to accept the Code Officer's Report made by Tammy Zangari, Seconded by Mark Rainis. **Vote. All. Motion Carried.**

**Permit Officer's report:** No permits to report.

**REVIEW AND AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS:** Accept bills as red was made by Mark Rainis, Seconded by Tammy Zangari. **Vote. All. Motion Carried.**

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

a. Mayor Michael Zangari said at the last meeting. We put out our request for the public assistance on our police surveys. Out of the surveys we received back 89% of them were in favor of no longer having a Girardville Borough Police Department and to cut the funding for it. Even though it's only 36 surveys. I (Mayor Michael Zangari) have to agree with what the surveys say. So with that being said, I'm (Mayor Michael Zangari) opposing Council tonight to make a motion to suspend police activities for Girardville Police, excluding Officer Daley because there is still some stuff that will continue to be ongoing for the Administrative side throughout the rest of 2024 calendar year. That's the first motion on the table. Motion made by Mark Rainis, Seconded by Brian Dempsey. **Vote. All. Motion Carried.**

I (Mayor Michael Zangari) need permission then to send out notification to the 911 Center, State Police and neighboring jurisdictions for the suspension for the remainder of the year. I need permission on behalf of the Borough. Motion made by Mark Rainis, Seconded by Brian Dempsey. **Vote. All. Motion carried.**

I (Mayor Michael Zangari) I have one more I need. I'd like permission to work with the police committee to meet with neighboring department's so that we could get some prices together and to work with our Solicitor on what it would take on the final decision is to disband the police

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department and if so to begin that process. We'll provide a monthly report back on where things are at and figures and updates. Motion made by Brian Dempsey, Seconded by Tammy Zangari.  
**Vote. All. Motion carried.**

Mayor Michael Zangari said with that so the public's aware that they should not contact the Girardville Borough Police Department. Really for anything. There will be information on items if you have them in evidence, active incidents with Girardville Police, information like that will be distributed as soon as it is available. We will be working with the DA's Office, State Police on all the evidence that is still in the Police Department and all that stuff. So whatever needs to go and where it needs to go is taken care of in the proper way so please don't call and leave a message on the Police voicemail, that phone call will not be returned.

b. Cooperative agreement between Schuylkill I County and the Borough of Girardville for the demolition of 7 and 9 West Ogden Street and 341 West Mahanoy Avenue. Motion to sign the agreements and send the agreements made by Tammy Zangari, Seconded by Brian Dempsey.  
**Vote. All. Motion carried.**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- With the "C" Street Park we received three estimates. We reached out to Girard Estate to see what happened on their end at all, since we're on their leased property. So right now the cheapest we have is if we just go with 14 trees topped leaving the stumps at a height of 6 to 10 feet. One estimate is for \$8542. The other estimate is \$9600 and the final estimate is for \$14,000. On the first estimate \$8542. If we want the stumps to be ground of all the trees, it would be an additional \$2000. If we assist over there as far as chipping or something like that, it would cut back on the price. So at this stage if we want to go with both of those, it would be \$10,542.00 or do we just want to stay at \$8,542? That's the cheapest one, unless somebody has something different. We did check on the lease agreement over there. With Girard Estate, we do have a \$1 lease agreement year to year. There is no 99 year lease, so we're fine with that. The next step to do with any one of these guys coming in is to remove the equipment that's over there. So it's easy for them and then putting it back and with that in mind, I'll turn it over to Tammy now because she has some information concerning the parks. Tammy said there is some equipment over there when we take it out that it won't be able to be put back in. I'm looking into the metal slides. That's an iffy subject. We have calls in for those. I know they were saying to try and fix some of them that the trees have hit. Our guys are going to try and do it. If it happens, it happens. They're definitely going to try with that being said. I'm going to start looking at the park on Main Street as a fine example. There's small equipment in there and right now. It's next to a house where kids can't even play in that park. Looking at trying I have to get this set in stone first. Because I know it was with the grant and everything we're going to look at closing that park and taking the equipment and putting it over at the park on "C" Street. We won't have to worry about where we're going to get money for equipment. Because that equipment is up-to-date. I'm also going to look at closing some of the other smaller parks because of the way I look at it. It's what we put up every year. It's a lot of mulch, a lot of grass and everything

else and that equipment is just not being used by the proper age children. So my goal is to get some of that newer equipment sitting in there in these smaller parks that no one is getting to use, put some of it over there and some of it in the "B" Street Park, and kind of consolidate them to general areas, so you don't have to go to these different parks for age groups of kids. Then we're going to look at and kind of figure out what we're going to do with the rest of the lots. Charlie said, What we will do over here is we will replace the swing set. The bigger swing set that was there. Tammy said yes, we are going to get a new swing set, and Charlie also said yes, we are getting a new swing set because that was completely broken. Tammy, said yes, it was bent, so we have to get a new swing set. Charlie said we also have to put some fencing up over there. So all in all going back to the estimates, does council feel and go forward with the low estimate and go from there? Tammy said yeah, but we want the stumps removed, though. We don't want the stumps where they leave them there at 6 to 10 feet. Mark Rainis said no, definitely not with their life expectancy. Go the rest of the way down or we're going to end up doing it later on. Charlie said that total cost then would be \$10542. He said it could be a little cheaper. Tammy asked Do you need me to make a motion? Charlie said yeah, sure. Tammy Zangari said I'll make a motion to go with the estimate but have the stumps grounded, Charlie said I'll read out the names because I didn't read them before. EA construction L.L.C. they are located in Shenandoah, Schuylkill County Tree Landscaping are located in Schuylkill Haven, Bixler Tree and Stump Service located on Hinkle Road and which I guess is outside of Ashland. Motion made by Tammy Zangari, Seconded by Brian Dempsey. **Vote. All. Motion carried.**

- Health Insurance up coming Health Insurance. Geisinger Health Corporated originally was \$11558. It is increased to \$71.32 for the new quote of \$1086.90. Increase for the year is \$855.84, and the cost for the year is \$13042.80 Motion for the Health Insurance for the upcoming renewal made by Tammy Zangari, Seconded by Brian Dempsey. **Vote. All. Motion carried.**
- Town wide yard sale is set for Sunday May 26, 2024. Mayor Michael Zangari said it's from 7 AM to 12 PM. Tammy said if you want to be placed on the map, please just call over here at the Borough Hall. We are going to put out a map at Borough Hall in the morning and you can pick it up here. We need a motion for the Town Wide Yard Sale set for Sunday May 26, 2024 from 7 AM to 12 PM made by Brian Dempsey, Seconded by Mark Rainis. **Vote. All. Motion carried.**
- We received our MRM dividends checks. One was for \$3579.22, and the other 1 was for \$3324.20. Charlie said I'll give you heads up with what's going on at 129 West Main Street. We have an appraiser coming because we have to have it appraised. The lady now with conversation is going back-and-forth, putting it in the hands of her lawyer. Arlen has not been able to contact this lawyer. Bill has issued the citations now. Forthcoming Arlen, now has a copy of the citations. So the next step he's going to proceed to take the property by Eminent Domain for the purpose of tearing it down. And, I believe we are going to be doing that across the street. Also, we're following everything we are



supposed to follow. She gets back she sent a deed. The deed was signed and everything, but then she called and said she didn't want to go through with it until her attorney had a chance to look at it all over. Arlen said that was fine, and since then, we haven't had any communications with her or the attorney. We're taking the next step and Arlen is sending a letter to her. Notifying her what the next step is and if she reaches back out.

- Mayor Michael Zangari said the public should be made aware that the process as of April 1st 2023 changed with the county, so now it requires appraisals to be done for us to be able to go in and do things like this. So the process is drawn out a little bit more. The wheels are in motion. That's just a couple more hoops, you have to jump through now than there was in earlier years.
- Mayor Michael Zangari has a resignation letter from Officer in Charge Brandon Gonzalez. Motion to accept Brandon's resignation made by Mark Rainis, Seconded by Brian Dempsey. **Vote. All. Motion Carried.**
- Mayor Michael Zangari. We also have a letter from Police Officer James Patterson, a resignation letter, both effective tonight Wednesday May 8th 2024. Motion made by Mark Rainis, Seconded by Brian Dempsey. **Vote. All. Motion Carried.**
- Mayor Michael Zangari, so there's been some scuttle, I guess is the easiest way to put it over a Girardville Borough Facebook page. I've been working with Jo. There have been some issues. Some of them were made prior to her working here. So what we are going to do tonight is effective June 1st 2024 a Girardville Borough Police Department Facebook page will become the Girardville, I'm not exactly sure the wording yet, but I'm sure it's going to be Girardville Borough Hall Official. That will become the Official Facebook page. That's where you can go for information on our Agenda. Will be posted there within the Sunshine Law Act. We will have the recap of the minutes from the meeting that will be there. Something with snow removal, and any events going on. I'll be working with Jo, so if you need any information online, that will be the only place to get it. We're trying to get the other ones taken down so that they're not misrepresentation of the Borough. You're hearing it from us tonight. They do not represent the Borough until we can get them taken down. Any and all material posted on there. It's not officially from the Council or myself. Someone asked what's that website called again? Mayor Michael Zangari said it's currently called the Girardville Borough Police Department Page, but that page will be renamed your Girardville Borough Hall Official just typically highly designate true actors from themselves, and we'll set some guidelines ourselves to make sure it stays in the correct hands.
- Charlie said we're out there looking to do some paving. I've contacted and I've reached out to Ron Troy. He's willing to do the other 2 sections of Preston Avenue at the cost he originally quoted us at. He said he wanted to get that information down to us, and if we're

interested sign off and proceed to get it, we did the one section of the way coming up. We need the other 2 one ways coming down. One is behind the Ambulance Building and the next one behind Saint Joe's School. We're going to use COVID relief money to do that. Then we are also going to look at some other areas based on working with the water company at this stage of the game, we're also looking at, we had our Engineer here Over on second and money Avenue. We have an issue with a box over there. Dawn suggested putting some kind of dropboxes in. We are trying to get some kind of working agreement with pendot, possibly putting a drain in UP the road a bit to that box and then put another box on the corner. Take it.

- Ake it over to the opposite side. the pipes. The pipe currently goes down to Gerardo. State building and somehow crosses over and goes down in front of Saint Vincent's and then shoots down sea street. Then shoots out behind the park. Fortunat, leave the die was put in. It's just too much we could shoot it straight across. According to dawn, and we could take it through the big pipes that runs down aside of Walter case's garage. Where Walter Chris's garage was down through that which is the same way? The water is coming down from upper 2nd street first I need a motion to allow run Troy if everybody is in agreements to go ahead and put the wheels in motion, get these 2 streets done to begin with. Attorney James amano asked Charlie. Were they already previous approved at the amount?

Charlie said yes, they were already previously approved at the amount. Tammy Zangari made the motion, Seconded by Mark Rainis. **Vote. All. Motion Carried.**

- Once we get that particular one, we also have one on "B" Street that we have issues with there. We're talking about putting the box in the middle of that alley way there and having all 3 of those drains running to that box straight into the Creek instead of all those different angles.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

a. letters, flyers, and magazines

I don't have anything here. Charlie hold up.

Mayors, I Gary said under correspi received a letter from senator Argo about there. They're going to be doing a missile poll. Leader's funding seminar on Thursday, May 30th 2024 so that they're aware counsel. Woman Zangari and myself will be attending the second one lands for the American Legion in Lansford, at 5:30 PM that evening. So I will be responding back to this. Hopefully we get some information. Should to help us out

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Police: Nothing.

Street: Nothing.

School Building: Nothing.

Finance: Nothing.

Personnel: Nothing.

Code/QofL: Nothing.

Recreation: Parks, tell me Zachary, nothing except for that grab.

Solicitor: Jim Amado, nothing.

Landfill: Nothing.

Mayor Michael Zangari there's going to be a Memorial Day ceremony hosted by the American Legion post 309. That's going to be Memorial Day at 10 AM attendingly. They plan on having a parade up the Main Street like they had in the past with the ceremony following at the monument over here at 3rd street motion to let them have their parade up the me up the street and to block off a street to B street in the vicinity of the monument For their annual Memorial Day event made by Tammy Zangari. Second and by mark Reynolds, vote all motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Polycoalic Charlie is there any Any chance you getting run troy to get Us. Handicap ramps in front of the school. Charlie said I'll talk to him, Paul. We got knocked down for that c. B DJ grant that Donny thought we were supposed to get. That's a mess down there. We have a lot of people that come in there that are handicap. In wheelchairs using Kane's Charlie said. Let me talk to him if we could set a meeting up and we'll go. Over and show him what we're Looking for. Paul said OK, sounds good. Let me know Charlie said I will reach out to him tomorrow. Paul said he should be helpful. We have a lot of his grandchildren in our program

Rob Chris, just a question on the bills.

Consent to intact of 1180 every month. Do you owe him a bunch of money every month? It's consistently 1180. Charlie said basically the grants and everything we've been doing. Rob said that's the monthly fee with no overhanging bill.

The monthly fee is also included. Charlie said we don't have any overhanging bills. Rob said Monthly fee 1100 bucks OK.

Annetta, I just want to remind everyone May 18th we're going to start putting up the banner's up in town if anybody is parked near a pole that has a banner and the flagpole please avoid parking there so we can get in and get the banners up

Mayor Michael Zangari said we can still post that's happening. We just can't tow the vehicles. Annetta said pardon me. Mayor Michael Zangari said we can still post the poles it's happening as a notice. We just can't tow the vehicles. Annetta said right, I'm just asking as a

courtesy. Mayor Michael Zangari said we can get some notices out. 8 a.m. and we are meeting at Borough.

Mayor Michael Zangari said the public should be aware of this. We are working with Attorney Day to find out what we can still do under our Code Officer through Borough Ordinances to force some parking issues even without having a police department. That conversation is already started. We're looking into what parts we can still continue to enforce and what's parts we can't enforce. We're hoping to have a better idea in the next few weeks on what we're able to enforce through our current code officers and moving forward just so you guys are aware that conversation has already begun.

Charlie said there is a handicap application in there that needs some work on it by the Street Committee, so if they want to proceed with it, it's for Karen Finne for her Husband Harry, Her handicap will be on the side of Vine Street on the hill, and Marie Finlan's will be out front where she is having the handicap steps and all put in. We already approved Marie's. So if the Street Committee wants to approve Finne's once everything is finalized and if everything is done before next meeting, we could go ahead with it.

Motion to adjourn. Motion made by Brian Dempsey, Seconded by Mark Rainis. **Vote. All.**  
**Motion Carried.**

Next Meeting Wednesday, June 12, 2024

Respectfully Submitted,

Josephine Heffner



# **GIRARDVILLE BOROUGH**

**MEETING AGENDA: May 8, 2024**

## **ROLL CALL**

- 1. Open Floor for Public Comment on Agenda**
- 2. Approval of Reports (as available)**
  - a. Minutes
  - b. Treasurer's Report.
  - c. Tax Collector's Reports and motion to pay the Tax collector.
  - d. Mayor/Police Report.
  - e. Code Officer's Report.
  - f. Permit Report.
  - g. Fire Chief's Report
- 3. Review and authorization to pay bills.**
- 4. Unfinished Business:**
  1. Results of Police Survey
  2. County Demo Cooperation Agreement for 7-9 W Ogden & 341 W Mahanoy
- 5. New Business:**
  1. Tree Removal Estimates
  2. 2024-2025 Health Insurance Renewal Quotes (Geisinger & Guardian)
  3. Town-Wide Yard Sale on Sunday May 26, 2024
  4. MRM Dividend Checks
  5. Property Issues
  6. Police Officer James Patterson Resigned
  7. Facebook Page – June 1, 2024
- 6. Correspondence**
  - a. letters, flyers, and magazines
    - 1) Reports of Committees, Council Members and Solicitor.
    - 2) Open floor to public comment.
    - 3) Motion to adjourn.
    - 4) Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

# GIRARDVILLE BOROUGH

MEETING AGENDA: June 12th, 2024

## ROLL CALL

- ✓1. Open Floor for Public Comment on Agenda
- ✓2. Approval of Reports (as available)
  - ✓a. Minutes
  - ✓b. Treasurer's Report.
  - ✓c. Tax Collector's Reports and motion to pay the Tax collector.
  - ✓d. Mayor/Police Report.
  - ✓e. Code Officer's Report.
  - ✓f. Permit Report.
- ✓3. Review and authorization to pay bills.
- ✓4. Unfinished Business:
  1. Repository Bid of \$1.00 for 231 W Main
  2. Repository Bid of \$1.00 for 627 E Mahanoy
- ✓5. New Business:
  - ✓1. We are applying for the 2024 CDBG for Storm Boxes.
  - ✓2. We are trying to get tax exempt status for 7 & 9 W Ogden and 341 W Main. *MAHANEY*
  - 11/6/24 ✓3. SARCC using Council Room? SARCC provides Counseling and Advocacy for victims of sexual violence free of charge.
- ✓6. Correspondence
  - ✓a. letters, flyers and magazines
  - 1) Reports of Committees, Council Members and Solicitor.
  - 2) Open floor to public comment.
  - 3) Motion to adjourn.
  - 4) Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 10th, 2024.

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## Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. DATE: June 12, 2024 TIME: 7:30 PM

### OPEN MEETING

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

### ROLL CALL

Members Present: Brian Dempsey, Joseph Kessler, Mark Rainis, Tammy Zangari, Mayor Michael Zangari, President Charles Marquardt Solicitor Arlen Day, Josephine Heffner.

Members Absent:

### PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA:

Joe Chiaretti, I have a comment not necessarily on the agenda. I want to first start off by saying I have to thank the Borough Council for maintaining the island over there. I do a lot of planting, a lot of shrub cutting and a lot of stuff. I have to tell you. It drives me crazy to see people throwing bags of garbage that would jeopardize the future of maintaining that. But I do appreciate it. I do want to thank Frank Zangari and Diver Cress for helping all these people moving into Girardville for their efforts for maintaining their inspections. I talked with Mike Bresnick once every 6 to 10 days. He's an old high school friend 1 day we were on the phone and I mentioned the truck going through. I said it's too bad, we can't do anything about it, and Mike said well there is certainly something you can do about it, Mike is our insurance broad inspector a retired insurance broad inspector his daughter-in-law is a lawyer for an Atlanta legal firm. He said I'm going to be having dinner with Felicia, that's her name, and I'm going to mention it to her about what you're going through with the trucks going through Girardville, and he did. He came back and said Joe, I told you there was something that could be done about it. Felicia said there is certainly something that can be done about it, but she needs more information. So rather than

supply her with information and me. Having to pay for all the effort that she's going to go through. I just thought that I would mention that to our Borough Solicitor because it appears as though that there is something we can do about those trucks. I just wonder if we realize what coal dust has in it. When these trucks are going through all the nonsense laying on the street and homes and everything. The coal dust coming off of those trucks contain lead, mercury, nickel, tin, catnim, antimony, and arsenic. Exposure that can cause heart disease and respiratory nathesis such as lung cancer and asthma. The finer the particles the more dangerous they are. We still have Uber 300 loads of trucks going. I checked again with the weigh station in Gilberton. 300 trucks most of them going through Girardville and I don't know if anybody has driven up Main Street recently the holes there come Springtime after one more winter, we are going to be just like 5th Street in Ashland it's going to be a disgrace. You won't be able to hold onto your steering wheel. Anyway, after drizzle or rain, you have to look at all the stuff that's on a car. I parked my truck across the street. The only exposure to the Main Street is the back end of my truck. I used to park in front of my house, but you come out after a rain and you people on the Main Street know what I'm talking about. It's a disgrace, but there's got to be something we should be able to do about this and the only reason I say that is because of what Mike Bresnick's daughter-in-law said. And the other thing I wondered about is are we satisfied with our code enforcement? Are we a proactive organization or a reactive organization? Now I live at 336 and right across from me is a house that has nothing but garbage in the backyard but at 333 There's an old truck in the back. I think you would have to see it and both sides of your property. It's completely grown and it's the same way. There's 2 properties in the 200 block, are we proactive, we're paying enough for this code enforcement. Are we trying really hard to do something about it or are we just reacting to whatever we have to? That's the question. I asked the borough council, so that's my pitch folks. I just think we should do a better job with our code enforcement. Thank you for listening. Charles Marquardt, thanked Joe Chiaretti.

### **APPROVAL OF REPORTS**

**Minutes:** Motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting made by Tammy Zangari, Seconded by Brian Dempsey. **Vote. All. Motion carried.**

**Treasurer's report:** to accept the report made by Tammy Zangari, seconded by Mark Rainis. **Vote. All. Motion carried.**

**Tax Collector's report:** to accept the report and pay the Tax Collector made by Joseph Kessler, Seconded by Tammy Zangari. **Vote. All. Motion carried.**

### **Mayor's/Police report:**

Mayor Michael Zangari said obviously, we don't have a police department, not necessarily important on the mayor's side. We did notify the county 911 center after our last meeting and the Pennsylvania State Police, and we received a letter back from the state police pretty much saying they got our letter, and they know we no longer have a Police Department for the remainder of the year. They are acknowledging they have to respond to all calls in the borough. So at least that's on file. We are actively working with neighboring municipalities to get some



prices back. Going back-and-forth on coverage and what we would expect if we went with an outside agency to provide police coverage. I think it's in our best interest to find out what it would cost us to go with a neighboring department for coverage rather than state police. I'm not saying one is better than the other, just weighing the odds before we make a final decision before the end of the year.

Down on the section of Oak Street and behind John Street, there's a fire lane. It's right on the side of Mary Miller's home. There will be a gate going on there because the fire lane is being improperly used. So we worked with our solicitor. All the neighboring properties that are on that fire lane will be given a 30 day notice to move any and all items within that fire lane prior to the gate being installed, any items not removed from the fire lane will be removed by the borough at the owner's expense. There will be a lock put on the gate. The Borough Guys will have a key and Emergency Personnel will have a key for anyone that lives in that section to gain access, call the Borough Hall and we would gladly open it for you to go in and out, but you just can't park there. And that's what seems to be the problem. All those neighbors will be getting a notice in the next 2 weeks or so, giving them 30 days ahead of time.

Motion to accept the report as read made by Tammy Zangari, Seconded by Brian Dempsey.  
**Vote. All. Motion carried.**

**Code Enforcement report:** Motion to accept the report as submitted made by Tammy Zangari, Seconded by Mark Rainis. **Vote. All. Motion carried.**

**Permit Officer's report:** Mayor Michael Zangari said, for the month of May Jean Ann did not have any permits issued. I know there were some questions about some demolition being done on Main Street. The person that is demolishing that property has inquired about the proper UCC permits. From my understanding, they are posted in the window of the excavator that's down there. I know that question has come up. I know that permit will be reflected on the next meeting because it happened in June. So if you haven't noticed it really? It's really hard. To miss but it's real, there's dumpsters it's supposed to begin being demolished Charlie interrupted and said part of it is down. Mayor Michael Zangari said part of it is down and he has a follow-up. I believe the end of June, correct? Margaret Haley said July 5th. Mayor said thank you, July 5th to see where he's at in the courts. It's in the hands of the courts and to prove to the court he's making a valued effort to take it down. So we're correct, correct me if I'm wrong. Margaret Haley said supposedly has to have it down. Mayor said July 5th Margaret Haley said no June 30th. He has 30 days and he's worked on it for 1 hour so far. Mayor Michael Zangari said so far from my understanding, Jean Ann has been pretty well involved with it and I know our code has been as well documenting what he is and what he is not doing so that if it's not completed by the 30th, when they have that hearing, they can provide that information to the judge. That's where we're at and I know that just came up. Charlie said you heard the permit report. Mayor said to Charlie, just go on.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Both of these repository bids were submitted Arlen? Arlen said tomorrow. Charlie said tomorrow, Arlen said yes. Charlie said the 2 will be submitted tomorrow and will proceed with them.

Solicitor Arlen Day said 129 West Main Street. We're getting an appraisal. We actually got a deed sent to us then we got a notice. She didn't want to give us the property after all through the deed, so we're going to go ahead and do it by Eminent domain, but we had an appraisal done, so we don't want to go through with that yet. It was already approved at one of our meetings, but we're waiting for the appraisal yet.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

We are going to apply for the 2024 CDBG for the storm boxes. The one would be on East Mahanoy Avenue at the corner of Second and East Mahanoy Avenue, which is by Mickey Yesalavage's property, where we're having a lot of problems. And the other one will be on B Street down there. We're having issues with that box so if in fact Things to go through CDBG will go through them. If not, we'll see what other alternatives there are to see what can be done to get them fixed and Repaired.

SARCC we received a letter asking to use our building. Arlen said table this until the next meeting. I would check with your Insurance Carrier. Charlie said we are going to table this on the advice of our Solicitor until we talk with our Insurance Company.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

We just have a couple of books and flyers.

We have a letter here addressed, Dear Council President, The Good Time Club is writing to ask the Council while we continue our fundraisers by hosting a Tag Day July 6, 2024 from 9am to 1 pm The money will be collected on both Mahanoy Avenue and Main Street. Donations can also be mailed to Girardville Good Time Club, One Powdermill Road Girardville PA 17935. Motion to allow Girardville Good Time Club to have a Tag Day July 6th from 9am to 1pm made by Tammy Zangari, Seconded by, Brian Dempsey. **Vote. All. Motion carried.**

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Police: None.

Street: Tammy Zangari stated about "C" Street Park. There's a lot said on Social Media about it. It is going to be a park again. I am going to get flowers for the planters and plant flowers in the planters at all the businesses and out front of Borough Hall. With the trees gone there is no shade at the "C" Street Park. I'm going to ask tonight for permission to call Universal for wood, and Vo-Tech for the kids to build a pavilion for the park for shade. Motion to purchase flowers made by Bryan Dempsey. Seconded by Mark Rainis **Vote. All. Motion carried.** Motion to contact the Vo-Tech for the kids to build a pavilion and to contact Universal for the wood. Motion made by Brian Dempsey, Seconded by, Joseph Kessler. **Vote. All. Motion carried.**

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Ron troy is lined up To do sometime in July to do the 100 and 200 block of Preston Avenue and still waiting on dawn to do 2nd street yet. I don't know where they are with the water we may decide to do the center of 2nd street.

The Borough Office will be closed June 14th to the 25th Secretary will be back to work on the 26th. She's on vacation. There's an email set up that will be checked periodically. If you call the office, leave a message on the answer machine. It will be checked by Council Members or myself. And we were not able to change the Police Departments Page on Facebook, but there was a new Facebook account set up and you can also check on there. For Borough information, The Borough of Girardville is the new page.

**School Building:** None

**Finance:** None

**Personnel:** None

**Code/Quality of Life:** None

**Solicitor:** None

Windfield, run.

Public comment.

Person in the audience asked. Why are we trying to get tax-exempt? Charles Marquardt said part of the demolitions that have been done and are going to be done.

A resident informed council that he has seen rats at a neighboring property that is currently empty because the owner is in jail. He's asking for help from the border council with this matter. The solicitor is looking into what actions the borough council can do to help with this matter.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Mark Rainis, Seconded by Brian Dempsey. **Vote. All.**  
**Motion carried.**

Next meeting Wednesday, July 10th 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

Josephine Heffner  
Treasure/Secretary

**GIRARDVILLE BOROUGH**

**MEETING AGENDA: June 12th, 2024**

**ROLL CALL**

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  2. **We are trying to get tax exempt status for 7 & 9 W Ogden and 341 W Main.**
  3. **SARCC using Council Room? SARCC provides Counseling and Advocacy for victims of sexual violence free of charge.**
6. **Correspondence**
  - a. **letters, flyers and magazines**
    - 1) **Reports of Committees, Council Members and Solicitor.**
    - 2) **Open floor to public comment.**
    - 3) **Motion to adjourn.**
    - 4) **Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 10th, 2024.**



## **GIRARDVILLE BOROUGH**

**MEETING AGENDA: July 10th, 2024**

### **ROLL CALL**

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  - e. **Code Officer's Report.**
  - f. **Permit Report.**
  - g. **Fire Chiefs Report**
3. **Review and authorization to pay bills.**
4. **Unfinished Business:**
  1. **Vote on Repository Bid of \$1.00 for 231 W Main**
  2. **Vote on Repository Bid of \$1.00 for 627 E Mahanoy**
  3. **Estimate for 7 West Ogden (Repairs to 5 West Ogden)**
  4. **Deed for 129 West Main**
5. **New Business:**
  1. **Resolution #07-10-24 for applying for the CDBG for Community Center Handicap Barrier Removal Project.**
  2. **344 East Mahanoy Avenue**
  3. **SARCC using Council Room - SARCC provides Counseling and Advocacy for victims of sexual violence free of charge. We received a Certificate of Insurance from them.**
  4. **Thank You Letter from GBA**
  5. **Tag Day**
  6. **New Regional Manager for Senator Casey's Office**
  7. **Paving 100 & 200 Blocks of Preston Avenue on Tuesday until Completion**
  8. **Girard Hose #1 – Block Party – August 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>**
6. **Correspondence**
  - a. **letters, flyers and magazines**

## **GIRARDVILLE BOROUGH**

### **MEETING AGENDA: July 10th, 2024**

- 1) **Reports of Committees, Council Members and Solicitor.**
- 2) **Open floor to public comment.**
- 3) **Motion to adjourn.**
- 4) **Next Meeting: Wednesday, August 14th, 2024.**

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### Regular Meeting

**PLACE: Municipal Bldg. DATE: August 14, 2024 TIME: 7:30 PM**

### **OPEN MEETING**

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

### **ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Brian Dempsey, Joseph Kessler, Mark Rainis, Tammy Zangari. Michael Zangari, Charles Marquardt, Solicitor Arlen Day and Josephine Heffner.

Members Absent: None

### **PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA:**

Nothing

### **APPROVAL OF REPORTS**

**Minutes:** Motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting made by Brian Dempsey, Seconded by TammyZangari. **Vote. All. Motion Carried.**

**Treasurer's report:** Motion to accept the report made by Tammy Zangari, Seconded by Brian Dempsey. **Vote. All. Motion Carried.**

**Tax Collector's report:** Motion to accept the report and pay the Tax Collector made by Brian Dempsey, Seconded by Tammy Zangari.  
**Vote. All. Motion Carried.**

**Mayor's/Police report:** Mayor Michael Zangari said Mark was suddenly sick for a couple of weeks. So we did briefly meet with Ashland borough with Chief Dailey. What it would cost us

with a contract with them. The same discussion with Frackville with them. They came back with a number right around \$100,000.00 give or take a few pennies. So we are going to try and talk with Butler Township yet. My only concern is Ashland is the lowest paying municipality out of all 3 or jurisdiction. I should say out of all 3. So I don't anticipate Butler is going to be any cheaper. Our hope is to have a full plan of what we are planning to do, then at our September Meeting going forward with the police department.

Motion to accept the report as read made by Mark Rainis, Seconded by Brian Dempsey. **Vote. All. Motion Carried.**

**Code Enforcement report:** Mayor Michael Zangari said so on Mr. Adam's property he was found guilty of dangerous building at 137 West Main Street with agreement with the court. The conviction was suspended for 30 days to allow Mr. Adam's to complete the demolition. Mr. Adam's was then found not guilty of hazard of dangerous buildings and was removed, the demolition itself, the demolition site cleanup and backfill are covered under UCC Permit. Mr. Adam's also completed demolition at 149 West Main Street on his own, which was not part of agreement. So tomorrow is the end of the 30 days, Margaret and us we're just discussing this. The work that is left is still under the UCC Permit and is not under a Girardville Borough Permit. So we will be contacting UCC tomorrow to explain there is still debris and that property is still not cleaned up for the outlined agreement of that Permit and allow UCC to investigate it and then take action when necessary. If they tell us it comes back to Girardville Code, then we will sit Billy down and we'll go that route if we need to. But to finalize what I would just like it noted that I (Mayor Michael Zangari) would like to thank Mr. Adam's, he did take down a second property all at the same time. So we do appreciate that, but then again, at the end of the day we still want it cleaned up.

We also have at the last council meeting, there were concerns about rodents in the 300 block of West Main Street. So what happened with that was, there was a citation issued by the Girardville Code Department giving him 72 hours to eliminate the problems. The owner of the property fails to eliminate the problems, which allows us then to go in because it's causing issues to health with neighbors with rats running all around. We contracted with Dieter LLC. to clean up all the garbage, cut the grass to a manageable level that work is being completed. We had Seitz Brothers Pest Control come down. They are going to do the bait boxes in the yard at 350 West Main Street. There's going to be 4 of them, and they are going to be there for 6 months. They will be service monthly with a total cost of \$600 that brings us to a total cost of \$750. That amount plus the cost are going to be filed for a lien on the property through Arlen. So he has all the paperwork for that so as soon as that all goes through, that cost will actually go on a lien on the property, so the Borough can recoup the money. The only reason why the borough is putting the money out is because it caused multiple issues with residents with multiple complaints, and the homeowner refuses to take care of the problem. There are a couple of things, if the property is sold within that 6 month period we won't have to pay a cancellation fee, the service will stop there. It's a \$300 setup fee, and \$50 a month from there out. There is a letter that Mayor Michael Zangari would like to read so it's all on public record. This will be going out to all the neighbors adjacent to 350 West Main Street that entire block. The letter as Mayor Michael Zangari reads it, Dear residents this letter is to give you a written notice to let you know



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a rodent extermination work that is going to take place in your neighborhood. It was brought to my attention that there is a rodent issue, believed to be stemming from 350 West Main Street. The homeowner was given a citation and 72 hours to clean up the property. The owner failed to comply, So this Municipality is taking action to mediate the problems. On August 14th a contractor was hired by the Borough to clean up the yard as well as cut the high grass. The work was necessary to begin eliminating the rodent infestation. The contract with Seitz Brothers Pest Control was signed for the next 6 months and set up with bait boxes at the yard at 350 West Main Street. There will not be chemicals used outside of the property. Mayor Michael Zangari is going to hand deliver the letters to all the neighbors. Don't let your dog in that yard. It shouldn't be in that yard, but I won't see anyone's animal get sick. Mayor Michael Zangari said he needs approval to sign the contract with Seitz Brothers at a total cost of \$600. Pest control will be starting next week for 6 months. We need a motion for the proposal from Seitz Brothers to put the bait boxes on the property for 6 months. Motion to accept the report as submitted made by Tammy Zangari, Seconded by Brian Dempsey. **Vote. All. Motion Carried.**

**Permit Officer's report:**

None

**Fire Chief's report:**

None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Reminder of Girard Hose Company's annual block party held this Friday and Saturday. Road closures on Friday, August 16th 12 pm to August 18th 12pm for Oak Street, from 2nd Street to Vine Street for setup and tear down with firefighter and pedestrian safety in mind. On Saturday, August 17th, parade day parking restrictions from from 3pm to 9pm on the South side of East Main Street, from 2nd Street to 3rd Street for the lineup of parade apparatus and safety. Request of Girardville Fire Police for traffic control at 6:30 PM for the parade. Point of contact person for this is going to be Joseph Yackera and Bob McClintock.
2. Reminder for tag day that's going to be coming up on behalf of Girardville Fire Police requesting permission to have tag day on Monday, September 2nd 2024.
3. Arlen to discuss the bids for 627 East Mahanoy Avenue and 231 West Main Street. They were submitted and were waiting for a response on those. 129 West Main Street we're going to try and get the tax. We already have a letter to North Schuylkill School to compromise the taxes and we have an exemption file to make it tax exempt after it's demolished, we're good with that.
4. Mayor Michael Zangari said 341 West Mahanoy Avenue was also just a little bit earlier than these but the same process. The building is down. The garage is down. They still have to come back and side the side of the property. We are working with the neighbor, he's looking at purchasing the property. So we've been going back-and-forth trying to get

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correct numbers from the county. That property is down as well. It was pretty much falling down on its own.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. We are still having that issue on Mahanoy Avenue and 2nd Street with the sewer up there. It was suggested to get an Estimate for a camera and a jet for the storm box before we do any kind of digging by our engineer. We are just waiting for the estimate to come in.
2. It was discussed at the work session and it needs a proval tonight Ken Petusky, a dollar raise per hour beginning September 1st 2024. Need a motion made by Tammy Zangari, Seconded by Brian Dempsey. **Vote. All. Motion Carried.**

### **BILLS**

Motion to approve the bill list as submitted and read made by Tammy Zangari, Seconded by Brian Dempsey. **Vote. All. Motion Carried.**

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

- a. letters, flyers, magazines

Tammy Zangari said Charlie under Unfinished Business is fall clean up September 12th 13th, and 14th, 2024. Just reminding everybody about that.

Charlie said yeah, it's going to be Thursday. September 12th 2024 9 AM to 5 PM Friday, September 13th 9 AM to 5 PM and Saturday September 14th 9 AM to 1 PM

Charlie said we received paperwork from Tanya Saint Clair If we want to get a new burrow truck. So the paperwork is here. She's going to come down and we are going to see what transpires out of this. We don't know if anything can be done or not. There's money available, so we're going to check to see what can and can not do.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Police: Mayor Michael Zangari said there were discussions about the cars that are out currently just sitting. I think, but you guys can interject. We talked about putting the Chevy Impala out for bid. There is really no reason to keep it at this point and the discussion was to take the Explorer and de commissioned as a police car and use it as a multi functional vehicle for the Borough whether it be for the Code Department or whatever it wouldn't have no lights or siren in it anymore, all the lettering would be removed. So if the council feels, this is the time to get rid of it before the snow comes and it would be in the way so I guess I'm asking for a motion to put the Chevy Impala up for bid. What I'd like to do if we're okay with that is to put it on the Municipal Bid and make an account and see what we can do. I think we should set a minimum? We gave

\$5000 for the car. I don't know if we will get that. We should put on a Minimum of \$3000 that would be the lowest bid. We need emotion to put the Chevy Impala on the Municipal Bid with the bottom line of \$3000 and take the marked car and take everything off it and then use it as a Borough Vehicle for Code or anything involved. Motion made by Tammy Zangari, Seconded by Brian Dempsey. **Vote. All. Motion Carried.**

Street: Tammy Zangari, I'll go with the parks. One more stump they're going to try and get. We decided not to plant our grass until they're out of our way and done putting the fence up and the guys bring some equipment over and put it in. Hopefully, yet this year. The goal is to get some of the equipment in there this year before it gets too cold with winter coming and puts a damper on it. We'll finish it up next year after the winter. As far as the street they did get the flat bed on the truck. It looks great and the guys seem to like it. It's very usable now. So it's definitely in better shape.

School Building: None

Finance: None

Personnel: None

Code/QofL: None

Recreation: Was mentioned by Tammy Zangari under Streets.

Solicitor: Solicitor Arlen said at the last meeting, Charlie and I were both on the wrong track about these bids. We were going to look into. We could see if they had bad taxes. Things that would just disqualifying them from bidding we couldn't just say I didn't like you as a landlord annexed. At try and stop the bid. I'm not perfect. Charlie's not perfect, but if there's a perfect person in this room I'd like to interview you and find out how you did it. There certainly is 1 person in this room that knows what goes on with county properties, then I do, but I just want to say if you have an issue and you think we did something wrong or made a mistake. I'm happy to take a phone call and say hey Rick, this was wrong, you don't need to post it on Facebook if you want to, that's fine but we'd appreciate it if you would at least let us know what you think we are doing, (someone said (female) out loud said yeah right) and it's no one in here.

Mayor Michael Zangari said, Charlie the fire lane down on Oak Street, that project has been completed. I would like to thank the residents who participated phenomenally. We had no issues at all. There was some scuttle on Facebook, but honestly we had no scuttle. I spoke to every resident affected by the Propane Cylinder, that's in the fire lane on the individual's property, and it's not in the fire lane, so it is what it is. It's their property. If a resident needs access to the fire lane, all they have to do is call over here and say hey, we need to get down there. Our guys will go down and unlock it for you during the week for you. You can get In-N-out any time you please. You just can't store anything in the fire lane. We're not cutting people's



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ability off. We're just eliminating what is in the fire lane itself. Thank you to the council for your support, and thank you to the residents here. There is a walkway. You can walk through it, so you don't walk through weeds. You just can't drive a vehicle or quad or anything. Charlie, we are still waiting on fire lane signs. They're on order and as soon as we get them. They will be posted down there.

Tammy Zangari said there is one more thing after I was looking at my notes, Pedestrian Crossing Signs for back to school. There Going Out on 22nd & 23rd, whatever we have left of those, they didn't get run over last year, they will be put out. Mayor school is back in the 26th of August, so we're going to have children and parents out in the mornings, so on your commute plan ahead.

Landfill: None

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mary Beth, what was budgeted this year for parks?

Charles Marquardt said, Good question. Josephine said, I would have to look. Charlie said, We could get it for you, Mary Beth. Mary Beth said, yeah I'm just curious. Mayor Michael Zangari said we received an anonymous \$8,500 donation for Parks. Tammy went on about other donations to help out with the parks.

Joseph Maucallia went about his Permit and the Permit expired and he went on about his father and him leaving the Country to see his father and the winter. Solicitor Arlen Day said excuse me, we don't give out Permits at the meeting. Joseph Maucallia said I need permission to get my Permit that's all. Solicitor Arlen Day said we don't do that at meetings. Do the application process, Joseph Maucallia said I did that already. Solicitor Arlen Day ok that's how it's handled. They can't vote at a meeting for a Permit. Joseph Maucallia said ok, fine. I just want you to know what's going on. OK, so Thank You very much.

Rob Krick just a question for the Mayor. What, as far as police coverage are we negotiating with the other towns? Mayor Michael Zangari said, How many hours, 24 hour service Rob so exact? Mayor, right now all 3 of these towns can't provide 24 hour coverage because they don't have 24 hour coverage in their own town. The hard part of the discussion is every department we talked to so far they have to higher additional personnel because of the size of Girardville's coverage area. The problem for us is no one can guarantee like Gilberton has how many drive through? And what days can you do? Would you respond first shift all of that type of stuff? The trouble we're having is that we're going to have to pay for a full-time Police Officer under their jurisdiction. So the struggle we're having as a committee is. Why do we want to put out money to hire full-time Police Officer's for another jurisdiction? When that's the type of coverage we want here. Then we would hire full-time Police Officer's here. Mayor continues explaining how it's not going to work. Bringing in the other Municipalities and how much it's going to cost. Rob said you're comparing apples and apples and oranges when you go into other Municipalities. Mayor continued explaining how he asked questions in the other Municipalities. Right now it's



not costing the Borough nothing for a State Police responding here. That's a big weight off that we could use the money elsewhere.

Mike Manbeck 4 years ago we had Commissioner Hess, County Engineer, some of you Council Members, our Fire Chief, Code men came down to those properties next to me. So 3 years later this past March I signed one of those things for an update of what's going on a Right To Know. That's been 6 months ago. Since then the one next to me 132 the back part of the building fell down the other night. The next one 134 there's less than 10 feet left of the roof which is the front face of the house that's going to go to the street, 136 the roof is ready to come down into the porch. I think after 4 years we have to think how much time now to take care of this problem now. Yes the store is in Repository that's a tax thing, the other is supposedly in Bankruptcy Court and the other one we'll this gentleman here. Nothing happened in 4 years. They have been falling down skunks, groundhogs and rats. One part of the building has been held up by a tree if it wasn't for the tree that would be down in the back. The garage behind the other property is ready to cave in soon. Thank God the doors are going into the garage and not out into the alley. Sooner or later it's going to be a big problem they're gonna come down. I've been patient for 4 years, But hey, somethings gotta be done. I'm the one dealing with the rain coming in my house and the cold weather coming in my house. It's just like if you don't say anything about it, then don't worry about it. Nothing is done. I just need help you know. Arlen said, if you know what's the address for the one with the bankruptcy? Mike said 134 West Main Street that was one of Ateeha's old places. It's just about down the whole back of it. It's down. Arlen, just asked because some were on a bankruptcy that were released. I would have to check to see. Mike said how can they have a building falling down and not getting fined for it. Arlin said one of the properties had 2 citations and lost the appeal. Now those citations have to be paid. Let me check into those properties on the bankruptcy. Some were denied.

Charlie said does anybody have anything else?

Then I make a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion made by Tammy Zangari, seconded by Brian Dempsey. **Vote. All. Motion carried.**

Next meeting Wednesday September 11th, 2024 at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Josephine Heffner  
Secretary/ Treasurer

## **GIRARDVILLE BOROUGH**

**MEETING AGENDA: August 14th, 2024**

### **ROLL CALL**

1. **Open Floor for Public Comment on Agenda**
2. **Approval of Reports (as available)**
  - a. **Minutes**
  - b. **Treasurer's Report.**
  - c. **Tax Collector's Reports and motion to pay the Tax collector.**
  - d. **Mayor/Police Report.**
  - e. **Code Officer's Report.**
  - f. **Permit Report.**
3. **Review and authorization to pay bills.**
4. **Unfinished Business:**
  1. **Reminder of Girard Hose Block Party**
  2. **Reminder of Tag Day**
  3. **Updates on Repository Bids for 129 W Main St., 627 E Mahanoy Ave., and an update on 231 W Main St.**
5. **New Business:**
  1. **Estimate for camera and jet for storm-box at the corner of 2<sup>nd</sup> St. and Mahanoy Ave.**
  2. **Update on 350 W Main St.**
  3. **Kenny Petusky will be getting a pay-raise of \$1.00 per hour beginning Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024.**
6. **Correspondence**
  - a. **letters, flyers and magazines**
    - 1) **Reports of Committees, Council Members and Solicitor.**
    - 2) **Open floor to public comment.**
    - 3) **6Motion to adjourn.**
    - 4) **Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 11th, 2024.**

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**Regular Meeting**

**PLACE: Municipal Bldg. DATE: September 11, 2024 TIME: 7:30 PM**

**OPEN MEETING**

President Charles Marquardt said I open the Girardville Borough Council Meeting, please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and after that keep standing for A Moment of Silence for 9-11.

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

President of Council Charles Marquardt said, thank you.

**ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Brian Dempsey, Mark Rainis,  
Tammy Zangari, Mayor Michael Zangari, President Charles Marquardt, Attorney Arlen Day,  
Josephine Heffner  
Members Absent: Joseph Kessler

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA:**

Nothing

**APPROVAL OF REPORTS**

**Minutes:** Motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting made by Mark Rainis, seconded by Tammy Zangari. **Vote. All. Motion carried.**

**Treasurer's report:** Motion to accept the report made by Brian Dempsey, seconded by Mark Rainis. **Vote. All. Motion carried.**

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**Tax Collector's report:** Motion to accept the report and pay the Tax Collector made by Tammy Zangari, seconded by Brian Dempsey. **Vote. All. Motion carried.**

**Mayor's/Police report:** Mayor Michael Zangari, So on the agenda you're going to see about the police department Dis Abandonment. Talking to the solicitor we have to locate the original formats that put the police department in effect, so we couldn't get that ordinance. So at this point in time, we are going to have to hold off doing that. We did get some reach out from Butler township on our radios, so I'm going to ask the council to put 2 portable radios up for bid and 2 portable radios. Radios would be up for bid \$1500. A piece at the mobile radio would be up for \$3000. The removal of the radio out of the car would have to be done by Green's at first year's expense.

Motion to accept the report as read made by Mark Rainis, seconded by Brian Dempsey. **Vote. All. Motion carried.**

Mayor Michael Zangari said in addition, so the public is aware, I reached out to Green's Communication where the radios were purchased from. In aspect for a fair market-based on the condition, the radios are in. So a couple of months ago you would have seen a bill for portable radio for \$900 and some odd dollars. That's because one of the volume buttons was broken. It's the flat rate charges which is Green's Communication. So he felt, I spoke to Bob Green himself. Were fair values so we're going to put it out for bid because of how high it is, And if Butler Township wishes to bid on them, they're more than welcome too. That's just where the numbers came from. Oh, the police car we put up for bid will go up for a municipal bid on September 18th 2024 and it's up for bid 30 days from September 18th 2024. So as long as we meet the \$3000 minimal bid that will get processed, And we'll have a report in November on wear that sits. Motion to accept the Mayor/ Police Report as read. Motion made by Mark Rainis, Seconded by Brian Dempsey. **Vote. All. Motion carried.**

**Code Enforcement report:**

Motion to accept the report as submitted made by Tammy Zangari, seconded by Brian Dempsey. **Vote. All. Motion carried.**

**Permit Officer's report:**

None

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

**BILLS**

Motion to approve the bill list as submitted and read made by Tammy Zangari, seconded by Brian Dempsey. **Vote. All. Motion carried.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**



1. Reminder of fall clean up Hours starts tomorrow, Friday and Saturday schedules are up And taking cost in everything like that. So if anybody has any questions they can call here or stop over and we do have help from Ashland Borough and West Mahanoy Township.

2. Submission application for 129 West Main Street. This is going to be resolution 9-11-2024. The Resolution Borough of Girardville approving submission of demolition request to the County of Schuylkill. Kill Girardville Borough having met on September 11th 2024 in public session to approve the demolition request to the County of Schuylkill for the amount of \$42,000 of the demolition of 129 West Main Street parcel 45 - 09 - 0011. This Governing body authorizes Frank Zangari to submit the application for funding on our behalf. Motion to do the Resolution. Made by Brian Dempsey, seconded by Tammy Zangari.

3. Updates of Repository 344 East Mahanoy Avenue, correct Arlen? Arlen said correct. Charlie said that is, Arlen interrupted Charlie and said it's being submitted, you signed it and it's notarized. We are submitting that tomorrow. Charlie said that's for demolition of 344 East Mahanoy Avenue? Arlen said yes. Anetta said East or West? Charlie said East, Arlen said East. Anetta said it's West on here. Arlen said yes, it's West on there, but it should be East, Charlie said, Yes it should be East. Arlen said 129 West Main Street Tax Compromise was approved. The exemption hearing for 129 West Main Street is on the 17th at 11:45 AM. There should be no reason that shouldn't go through. Exemption hearing is for 7 and 9 West Ogden street at 341 West Mahanoy Avenue they were held today based on what I got they were going to grant them, but I can't guarantee it because there is that public purpose at what is being used for currently, but we gave them some things we might do with it. Charlie said yes, Arlen said we should know in 5 days.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. WGL Electric Company contract renewal coming up in December 2024. We have the thing here to look over or to look at other ones if we so desire too.

2. Arlen do you want to relay on the RTK? Arlen, the Right To Know the Borough doesn't have an actual written policy. They have been going from the Right To Know itself, but there are things you can select. So we're going to have our own policy there for next meeting to be voted on. You'll select different things you want to put in it and then we'll put it on paper.

3. Next we received a grant opportunity thing from the USDA and that was for additional work to be done or purchasing another vehicle, so we are looking into that to see what the options are and what's going on at a 4% rate that they're offering. We'll know more as we go along with it and see if it's suitable for us or not.

4. Microsoft renewal need a motion to approve that. Motion made by Tammy Zangari, seconded by Mark Rainis. Charlie said and that's for \$99.00 and that's renewal every year, so that's it for the year. Motion on the floor made by Mark Rainis, Seconded by Tammy Zangari. **Vote. All.**

**Motion carried.**

Tammy, do you want to do the streets and stuff?

Mayor Michael Zangari said hold up. Some talking went on between Mayor Michael Zangari, President Charles Marquardt, and Solicitor Arlen Day and then Mayor Michael Zangari said after the last 6 months of going back-and-forth on the police issue, what myself, the police committee and council feels is, it doesn't pay us to pay another Municipality to cover Girardville for police. I think it's going to put Girardville in a lot more hardship that we're in already trying to figure out how we're going to pay for extremely high numbers for service. We can't guarantee it is any better than we had before. It's not a shot at anyone, it's just a simple fact that they're tied up somewhere else. They're not going to be able to respond here, and other than a couple of little issues with State Police over the last 6 months I've heard positive things with them. Being able to respond in a timely fashion being able to take care of their issues. But what we have discovered though is we feel a full-time Code Officer in this Borough would provide a better service than a part-time Police Department ever would. So what we would like to do is moving into next year, take the money that's budgeted for the Police Office and for Mr. Killian is \$7,200.00 a year stiffened and create a full-time Code Officer position at a 40 hour a week job With a full job description for that position and certainly a little bit more stricter rules. It would be certainly a lot easier for the public to get ahold of him or her and a little bit more accountability. I feel our bureaucrats needs at this point. We needed it a while ago, but it really never happened. So what I'm asking Council for tonight is permission to advertise for a full-time Code Enforcement Officer. We have some ideas on pay range, but that's based totally on experience and what they bring to the table, and we would like to keep that open until December 1st 2024. Charlie said yes, that way we have time to venture who ever puts in with interviews and background checks and see who is going to be the best fit. For now, the idea is to take the Police Office once the modifications are done to the bathrooms to make them ADA compliance. Police Office will be, the evidence will be gone through of course, how the DA says we have to do it and then that will turn into the Code Enforcement Office. So that way, it's under lock and key and more professional and that person has a place they are available for. So I need a motion to advertise for a full-time Code Enforcement Officer. Motion made by Brian Dempsey and seconded by Tammy Zangari.

Mayor Michael Zangari said, It should be noted that we did speak with Mr. Killian and is aware of this and he is going to stay on board with us until someone is hired or something changes so as of now. He will remain Code Officer until this position is filled.

Tammy Zangari said Town wide Yard Sale will be September 27, 2024 from 8 AM to 12 PM. Mayor Michael Zangari said September 21st. Tammy Zangari said September 21st you're right. Tammy Zangari said September 21st 2024 from 8 AM to 12 PM. anybody can participate. Trick-or-treat is always October 31st 2024 from 6 PM to 8 PM. We are also going to do a trunk or treat as well, that is October 27th 2024. So that will follow the parade that we always do at Sullivan's. So the parade will start at Sullivan's at 11:30 AM following normal route up Main Street and come down. Third, street and trunker tree will be held at the basketball courts. We're asking if you want to participate or want to participate to call the borough hall so that we know

how many cars to set up for if it does rain the trunk or treat will be moved to the GBA Basketball court inside.

Hopefully it doesn't rain.

Trunk or treat is from 12 PM until 2 PM. Mayor Michael Zangari said Is being coordinated with the Good Time Club. David and I have been talking on the phone more than he wants to hear my voice, but he's been a big help, and we want to thank Paul for graciously jumping at the chance to allow us to use the gym, we appreciate the help.

Charlie said we need a motion to officially put trick-or-treat October 31st from 6 PM to 8:00PM. Anybody that wants halloweeners at their house please have your porch light on. Motion made by,

Mark Rainis, and seconded by Tammy Zangari. **Vote. All. Motion carried.**

We need a motion for Trunk or Treat held October 27th 2024 from 12 PM until 2 PM at the basketball courts. Following the Good Time Club Halloween Parade. Motion made by Tammy Zangari, seconded by Brian Dempsey. **Vote. All. Motion carried.**

Skip cleanup Mike? That's going to be technically, October 13th 2024. That's a Sunday. We will have a sign app sheet here and I'm going to send it out to the school if any. One needs community service. That's just going around and picking up litter and stuff like that, we are not. Going to be going on peoples properties. Maybe we can get some of the debris and garbage cleaned up like that. If you want to participate in your neighborhood not necessarily over at the parks and all that stuff. We will have bags and stuff available, and when it's over, we will come and pick up the bags.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

a. letters, flyers, magazines

Nothing

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Police: Went over all of it already.

Street: Went over all of it already.

School Building: None

Finance: None

Personnel: None

Code/QofL: None

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Recreation: Tammy Zangari Said nothing new under parks. Just waiting on the guys that removed the trees. They're on another job and they will be back as soon as they're done. Charlie said the guys are going to take the rides out of the one on the Main Street. Once we have them removed 129 West Main Street is torn down, we have some interest of residents interested in purchasing the properties down there, then when we have that all taken care of down there, we will be reaching out to offer those properties out for sale.

Solicitor: None

Landfill: None

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

Make a motion to adjourn. Made by Tammy. Zangari and seconded by Mark Rainis.

Next meeting Wednesday October 9th, 2024 at 7:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Josephine Heffner



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# GIRARDVILLE BOROUGH

MEETING AGENDA: September 11th, 2024

**\*\*A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR 911\*\***

## ROLE CALL

1. Open Floor for Public Comment on Agenda
2. Approval of Reports (as available)
  - a. Minutes
  - b. Treasurer's Report.
  - c. Tax Collector's Reports and motion to pay the Tax collector.
  - d. Mayor/Police Report.
  - e. Code Officer's Report.
  - f. Permit Report.
3. Review and authorization to pay bills.
4. Unfinished Business: .
  1. Reminder of Fall Clean Up
  2. Submission of Demolition Application for 129 W Main St /Resolution 9-11-2024
  3. Updates on Repository Bids for 344 ~~W~~<sup>E</sup> Mahanoy Ave
5. New Business:
  1. WGL (Electric Co.) – Contract Renewal in December 2024
  2. R-T-K Policy
  3. New USDA Loan Opportunity
  4. Microsoft Renewal
  5. Police Department Disbanded. Permission to Advertise for a Full-Time Code Enforcement Officer.
  6. Town-wide Yard Sale on September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024 from 8am until 12pm.
  7. Trick-or-Treat on October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024 from 6pm until 8pm.
  8. Trunk-or-Treat on October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024 from 12pm until 2pm.  
(Parade will start at Sullivan's Funeral Home at 11:30am)
  9. Skip Clean-up.
6. Correspondence
  - a. letters, flyers and magazines
    - 1) Reports of Committees, Council Members and Solicitor.
    - 2) Open floor to public comment.
    - 3) Motion to adjourn.
    - 4) Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 9th, 2024.

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## Regular Meeting

Place: Municipal Bldg. Date: October 9, 2024 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 Resigned, Tammy Zangari, Mayor Michael Zangari, Charles Marquardt, Solicitor Arlen Day, Josephine Heffner.

Members Absent: Joseph Kessler

### PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA:

NONE

### APPROVAL OF REPORTS:

Minutes: For August: Motion to accept the Minutes for August was made by Tammy Zangari seconded by Brian Dempsey **Vote: All. Motion Carried.**

Vote: All. Motion Carried: Motion to accept the minutes for September was made by Brian Dempsey and seconded by Tammy Zangari. **Vote: All. Motion Carried.**

Treasurer's Report: Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report made by Tammy Zangari and seconded by Brian Dempsey **Vote: All. Motion Carried.**

**Tax Collector's Report:** Motion to accept the Tax Collector's Report and Pay the Tax Collector was made by Tammy Zangari and seconded by Brian Dempsey. **Vote: All. Motion Carried.**

**Mayor/Police Report:** Mayor Michael Zangari read the Mayor/Police Department Report was made by Tammy Zangari and seconded by Brian Dempsey. **Vote: All. Motion Carried.**

**Code Enforcement Officer's Report:** NONE

**Permit Officer's Report:** NONE

**Fire Chief's Report:** A motion was made by Brian Dempsey and seconded by Tammy Zangari. **Vote: All. Motion Carried.**

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

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Reminders:** a. Trick or Treat October 31, 2024 (6-8pm) **Vote: All. Motion Carried.**  
b. Trunk or Treat Sunday October 27, 2024  
c. Donation at the Park of \$8,500.00 was made anonymously  
d. Our Liquid Fuels Allocation for 2025 is \$38,

## **NEW BUISINESS:**

- a. **Ordinance 10-09-2024** A motion was made by Tammy Zangari and seconded by Brian Dempsey. **Vote: All. Motion Carried.**
- b. A motion to adopt Resolution 10-09-24-1. A motion was made by Tammy Zangari and seconded by Brian Dempsey. **Vote: All. Motion Carried.**
- c. We need a motion to adopt Resolution 12-13-2023-2. RTKL Policy for Girardville Borough. A motion was made by Brian Dempsey and seconded by Tammy Zangari. **Vote: All. Motion Carried.**
- d. Our New Right to Know Officer is Brian Dempsey A Motion was made by Tammy Zangari and seconded by Charles Marquardt. **Vote: All. Motion Carried.**
- e. A. **Vote: All. Motion Carried.**
- f. A motion to adopt Resolution 12-13-2023-4B (9 West Ogden Street). A motion was made by Joseph Kessler and seconded by Brian Dempsey. **Vote: All. Motion Carried.**
- g. A motion to adopt Resolution 12-13-2023-5. A motion was made by Edward Burns and seconded by Mark Rainis. **Vote: All. Motion Carried.**
- h. A motion to adopt Resolution 12-13-2023-6. A motion was made by Joseph Kessler and seconded by Brian Dempsey. **Vote: All, Motion Carried.**
- i. A motion to approve the Annual Fire Chief's Agreement from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024. Remuneration of \$500.00 per year, payable at the end of the year. A motion was made by Joseph Kessler and seconded by Brian Dempsey. **Vote: All. Motion Carried.**

- j. A motion to approve the 2024 work session and meeting dates. A motion was made by Edward Burns and seconded by Brian Dempsey. **Vote: All. Motion Carried.**
- k. A motion to approve the 2024 Pay Periods and Paycheck Dates. A motion was made by Mark Rainis and seconded by Edward Burns. **Vote: All. Motion Carried.**
- l. A motion to approve the 2024 Food Harvest Dates was made by Mark Rainis and seconded by Brian Dempsey. **Vote: All. Motion Carried.** Charles announced in February, the food harvest will be Thursday, February 15, 2024, because of the President's Day Holiday. Am I correct Annetta? Annetta replied, "I sent the list to Jo and we will post it every month on the front door, it is on the third Monday of every month."

m. Charles asked Arlen: "Should we go into Executive Session Now? Arlen, "Finish with everything else and we will go into Executive Session. Charles said to Arlen' "Just jump over it? Arlen replied, "Yes". Charlie announced that for m., we are going to go into Executive Session for that, but we are going to finish the rest first.

n. We received Candidates for Girardville and Butler Township and we are going to hold them until the Reorganization Meeting and the Regular Council Meeting in January, then make a decision on the Candidates. We need a motion to table this until January. A motion was made by Joseph Kessler and seconded by Mark Rainis. **Vote: All. Motion Carried.**

o. A Motion to approve the Reorganization Meeting will be held on January 2, 2024 at 7:30 pm, followed by the Regular Monthly Council Meeting for January 2024. A motion was made by Mark Rainis and seconded by Joseph Kessler. **Vote: All. Motion Carried.**

p. Need a motion to advertise the 2024 Monthly Work Sessions and Council Meetings and the Reorganization Meeting. A motion was made Joseph Kessler and seconded by Brian Dempsey. **Vote: All. Motion Carried.**

We are going to need a motion to adopt an Ordinance for the next meeting for the franchise with Service Electric and advertise as required. 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 FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Frank Zangari:** About the garage Edward mentioned about the Preston Avenue Property. We received information that the property was paid in full so, we will have to look into that before we cite somebody, for the record.



**Rob Krick:** I just have a question, "What did the Anticipation Note for filing fees through the Bank and Legal Fees.

**Arlen Day:** There is a \$150.00 fee from the bank plus the interest and to be honest with you, I don't know what my hours were for preparing the TAN. It is in our bill this month. Honestly, I don't know.

**Rob Krick:** Okay.

**Arlen Day:** I can let you know at the next meeting.

**Rob Krick:** Okay.

**Charles Marquardt:** Anybody have anything else at this time? At this time we are going to go into **Executive Session now** and we will return very shortly.

**Council returned from Executive Session after eight minutes.**

**Charles announced:** "I will open the meeting back up and turn it over to our Solicitor Arlen Day for.

**Solicitor Arlen Day:** There was a lawsuit after against Chief Williams and Council. The insurance appointed a law company. They suggested that we settle. It has been going on for a while now. The settlement is significantly less than what was discussed long ago, but it is not costing the nothing out of pocket for the Borough. Certainly it affects their Insurance Rates.. But what I was told is that they couldn't find an expert to say that his actions were appropriate. It doesn't mean that they couldn't have taken it to trial and possibly have won. Given the amount of \$130,000.00, the insurance company thought they should settle. I confirmed with them that the Borough is not paying any of that \$130,000.00 because it has the money in reserves from the money they paid to the Insurance Company. So the recommendation is to prove that. We'll need a motion for that. Motion was made by Edward Burns and seconded by Joseph Kessler. **Vote: All. Motion Carried**

**Charles Marquardt:** If nobody has anything else, we will adjourn now. I would like to wish everybody a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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Roll call Joe Kessler absent Mike Rainis resigned all others present

#### **ADJOURN**

**Charles Marquardt:** We need a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Brian Dempsey and seconded by Mark Rainis. **Vote: All. Motion carried.**

**Next Meeting will be held on:**

**January 2, 2024 following the Reorganization Meeting which will be held at 7:30 pm.**

**Respectively Submitted:**

**Josephine Heffner  
Secretary/Treasurer**

Roll call Joe Kessler absent Mark Rainis resigned all others present

No public comment on the agenda. Approval of reports minutes from August motion made by Tammy's and Gary seconded by Brian Dempsey Vote: All. Motion Carried.

We need motion to accept September minutes motion made by Tammy Zangari seconded by Brian Dempsey

OK mayor police report None

Code officers search report none occupancy report motion made by Tammy's and Gary seconded by Brian Dempsey permit report

Permit report: None fire chiefs report motion made by Brian Dempsey and seconded by Tammy Zangari Vote: All. Motion Carried.

Open floor for the public comment on agenda none Bills

Bills and motion was made by Tammy Zangari seconded by Brian Dempsey

Unfinished business

Trick or treat just a reminder that it is on October 31<sup>st</sup> 6:00 PM till 8:00 PM just leave your porch light on

Trunk or treat will be on Sunday October 27<sup>th</sup> diabetes medicines to treat diabetes right away

Parade we'll begin at Sullivan's Funeral Home you go up Main St. Down to Borough hall.

Tammy and myself along with David Willis have been working real hard I'm lining up the trunk or treat.

Anybody interested in building a vehicle in the trunk or treat please contact one of these in Gary's.

Solicitor Arlen Day : this is about the right to know policy resolution number 10 dash 9 dash 2024. Dash 2

This is the right to know policy for the borough . Unfortunately for the citizens do you ride Ville there has been a horde every 18 hours coming in. Right now Jo and I have been busy with right to know requests Jo got one that ended up giving a virus to her computer she shut it down right away and deleted them. We did request that the person send it in the body of the e-mail. They tell me that I could not do what I was doing so they filed an appeal. They lost. They cost you guys a lot of money three nonsense we are happy to give you any information you want. I like when people want to know something As long as it is not for disclosure now we have somebody asking for income tax text information four employees of the borough. They probably have no valid reason to ask for this request. They have to have a reason under the law so I thought we needed a very tight policy if you want a right to know request you have to fill out a form and deliver it to the barrel or send it by e-mail. 30 seconds just make sure it is in the body of the e-mail we are not opening attachments up because we do not want to get another virus. We are making it easier to do by requesting that you put it in the body of an e-mail but we are not answering anonymous request We do not except that emails sent third party are anonymous. Now they are sending things under for your buddy and under the law that is you anonymous. They filed an appeal and lost . That was just today. If you want a copy of a new ordinance just ask Joe she will be happy to get it for you don't send in anonymous request if it's something we can disclose she will get it for you right away. We have been doing extensions of 30 days because this poor girl has been working so hard and answering them. She is spending half their work day with right to know request and not getting her own work done. We are making it easy but you have to comply to make a request you must be a person who is a US resident if you send a request you must put in a valid address valid phone number that we can contact you. If we cannot determine that you were a U.S. citizen we do not have to answer the request. Take the easy way I'll send it in to us with your name address and a phone number valid phone number and we will answer you. I will mention that records of criminal investigation are not subject 2 disclosure there are some such as code violations are not subject to disclosure. If a citation is issued you can get records that there were citations but you cannot get a copy of the citation. These specific if you want an answer just make sure we can understand what it is you are asking for that's why we went to phone number so we can call you up and ask you what it is you want if we don't understand it. You got to be specific if you want a list of something, and we have a list we can give it to you we are not required to make a list just for your request. They don't want municipalities to make a list unless it is already made. So we adopted a policy we came up with the girardville right to know request form If you have any questions on this I'd be happy to answer. It's just the policy being adopted by the borough. We need a motion to adopt this resolution 10 dash 9-24 . motion was made by Tammy zangari and seconded by Brian Dempsey We mentioned a donation to the park but did not have emotion to accept it. Charles Marquette , we received an anonymous donation over at the beach street park they do not want their names to be exposed so we need a motion to accept this donation. A motion was made by Tammy zangari and seconded by Brian Dempsey. Somebody had requested information on who the donor was add we did not have to answer because under the law anonymous donations to not have to be disclosed. What will happen if we did answer is that people will not donate because they don't want their names to be announced.

In August we had talked about putting the Chevy police car up for bids At first we ask for \$2000 we were told based upon the mileage the condition two up in the beard at 1500 dollars. The highest bidder was a Mark Comer. He is a constable from Allegheny County. He made a the end of 2050 dollars so we need a motion to accept this bid. A motion was made by Brian

Dempsey and seconded by Tammy Zangari. And two portable radios from the police station they were put up for the kids the highest bid for that was \$3500 and that was from Butler Township the deal was made if there was any cost to transfer the radios Butler Township would be responsible we need a motion to accept the \$3500 bid had you transferred the radios to Butler Township the motion was made by Tammy Zangari and seconded by Brian Dempsey. And your new business we have ordinance 10 dash 9 dash 24 this is an ordinance that we needed to disband the Police Department And that's under section 1121 under the code that you are idle has the power to disband the Police Department Charles Marquette : we need a motion to adapt ordinance 10-9-24. And now she was made by Tammy Zangari and seconded by Brian Dempsey .

The next thing Is resolution 10-9-24-1 and this is approving demolition request for 344 E mahanoy Ave. Charles Marquardt we need a motion to accept resolution 10-9-24-1. A motion was made by Tammy Zangari and seconded by Brian Dempsey.

Charles Marquardt : we received our liquid fuels allegation for 2025 is the amount of \$39, \$881 \$0. \$0.55.

Charles Margaret: we received a letter for more readiness that he resigned effective last month right after the meeting. It's due to health reasons. So at this time I would like a motion to accept mark Raines Resignation letter. And then she was made by tammy's and Gary seconded by Brian Dempsey. And we need a motion to accept offers for new council person. We should have it by November 1<sup>st</sup> that's Friday. A motion was made by Tammy zangari and seconded by Brian Dempsey. 5



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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. DATE: November 13, 2024 TIME: 7:30 PM

OPEN MEETING

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

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Brian Dempsey, Joseph Kessler, Tammy Zangari, Mayor Michael Zangari, Charles Marquardt, Solicitor Arlen Day and Josephine Heffner.

Members Absent: None

Charles Marquardt — At this time at the last Council Meeting we had a resignation of a Council Member and we opened it up for anyone interested. We received one applicant. So at this time we need a motion on the floor and a second to appoint this applicant to Council and Michael our Mayor will swear him in right here tonight and then he can take his seat on Council. Motion on the floor for David Willis. Joseph Kessler made the motion, Seconded by Brian Dempsey. **Vote. All. Motion Carried.**

Mayor Michael Zangari swears in David Willis for the Councilman's open seat in place of Councilman Mark Rainis who resigned from Council last meeting October 9th, 2024.

Charles Marquardt said David Willis congratulations. The rest of Council, Solicitor, and Secretary said congratulations to David Willis. Resident's in the audience and Council, Solicitor, and Secretary applaud. Mayor Michael Zangari then swore in David Willis for Council. Mayor Michael Zangari said congratulations sir and shook David Willis's hand. David Willis said thank you to Mayor Michael Zangari. Resident's, Council, Solicitor, Secretary, and Mayor Michael Zangari applaud again. David Willis said thank you to everyone and took his seat at the Council Table. Solicitor Arlen Day said to David Willis, I just want to note to you that I heard Elon Musk to vote the family Constitution may get you a million dollars. Councilman David Willis said I may like that million dollars. Resident's, Council, Secretary, Solicitor, and Councilman David Willis were laughing.

Charles Marquardt — Said at this time I'll open the floor for public comment on the Agenda.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA:**

Nothing

**APPROVAL OF REPORTS**

**Minutes:** Motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting made by Brian Dempsey. Seconded by Tammy Zangari. **Vote. All. Motion Carried.**

**Treasurer's report:** Motion to accept the report made by Tammy Zangari. Seconded by Brian Dempsey. **Vote. All. Motion Carried.**

**Tax Collector's report:** Motion to accept the report and pay the Tax Collector made by Tammy Zangari. Seconded by Brian Dempsey. **Vote. All. Motion Carried.**

**Mayor's/Police report:** Mayor Michael Zangari said with this meeting the Ordinance will go into effect, Dissolving the Police Department. So with that being said, notification will be going out starting tomorrow to PSP, and the DA's Office notifying them that the Police Department is officially disbanded so that the evidence locker, and stuff can start being taken to the appropriate parties. From my understanding the evidence that needs to stay secured will go to PSP and anything that can be disbursed you will need to contact the barrack in Frackville to claim that. So with that being said I did ask Ger Daley for a letter of resignation because we will no longer need him as an Administrator. Ger Daley turned in a resignation letter and Mayor Michael Zangari read the resignation letter out loud from Ger Daley. Mayor Michael Zangari is asking Council for a motion to except Ger Daley's resignation and to take him off our list. Motion made by Brian Dempsey, Seconded by Tammy Zangari. **Vote. All. Motion Carried.**

**Mayor Michael Zangari** — Said the Chevy Impala Police Car that was sold was picked up Monday. Charlie went up and transferred the title. They paid for all the transfer work and we did receive the check for \$2,050.00 (money order). We also received our check from Butler Township for the portable radio's and those were dropped off at Green's Communication for there transfer work which Butler Township will pay. I was approached by Girard Hose Company here in town and then followed up with a letter and I'll read the letter out. They are interested in purchasing the mobile radio from the former Girardville Police Department. The Girard Hose Company wants to forfeit there check for \$1,500.00 a lot ment from the Borough that goes out in December in return their asking for a donation of the mobile radio. I did speak to Arlen and we are allowed to donate the radio to them if that's what Council decides. I reached out to Green's Communication and the radio will be professionally removed by Green's Communication. Mayor did speak to Bob McClintock about it and they ( Girard Hose Company) would pay that in full which is probably about \$400.00 or \$450.00 it would cost them in addition to the radio itself. If the Council decides to do this. My (Mayor Michael Zangari) personal feelings are, bought by the Borough we should at least leave in the Borough, minus a couple of bucks or we would have put it up for sale. I'd rather see something bought by the Taxpayers continue to be used in the Borough. So it's up to you guys. If approved I also need authorization to have the vehicle sent

down to Green's Communication to have the radio removed at Girard Hose Company's expense. Charlie asked does anyone on Council object to it? To go ahead and donate the radio to Girard Hose Company. Solicitor Arlen said, Charlie, you need a motion for that. Charlie said we need a motion. Tammy Zangari made the motion, and Seconded by Brian Dempsey. **Vote.**

**All. Motion Carried.**

Mayor Michael Zangari said thank you to Council.

**Mayor Michael Zangari** — Said one last thing. We were approached from Talk of Town Towing out of Shenandoah about the Municipal owning lots throughout the borough. The gentleman's name is Dwight and he owns property throughout the borough, and he noticed the lack of better terms junkyard that is starting to accumulate on our Oak Street parking lot. He offered the Borough the ability to maintain those is the perfect way to say it is to put up the proper signage stating if your vehicle is towed from this lot, it will be towed by this company, here's the fee's, here's the daily charges, here's how to get in contact with them. He offered that Service free of charge to the Borough. The Borough would not receive any compensation from it, but we would have our lots maintained by that entity. So I'd like to ask the Borough, I think it's great. He'll come down and take a ride through and if there's vehicles with flat tires, or out of inspection and things like that, we can have them removed. Charlie asked is this only Borough Lot's? Mayor Michael Zangari said only Borough Lot's. So it will be the Borough Lot over here, the lot down on Oak Street, the lot over here by the park and things like that. So I'm asking for approval to go ahead forward with that.

Charlie said o.k. you heard the Mayor's request. We need a motion for that. Brian Dempsey made the motion, and Seconded by Tammy Zangari. **Vote. All. Motion Carried.**

**David Willis** – Said I have a question on this, so we don't benefit from this what's so ever? Mayor Michael Zangari said, correct. Solicitor Arlen said actually you don't have to pay him for his equipment. Mayor Michael Zangari said Correct. You don't have to pay him anything. He's going to come down and whatever money he collects. David Willis said he'll be in charge of selecting which vehicles to tow and which not to tow? Mayor Michael Zangari said not necessarily. If there's a vehicle down there and one of our Borough Employees or Borough Official is down there and a vehicle is out of inspection and it's a Borough owned Lot we can call him and say Dwight can you come down and tow this vehicle. It's going to be posted right where you have to come in at. A vehicle has to be illegally parked there. Now Arlen and I have been going back and forth. We're going to look into what it's going to take to make that lot to make it a Permit Parking. Even if it was a free permit. Just that you would have to come and register for a Permit to park in that lot. We're going to find out how we can go about doing that. Our concern is that we may need a parking authority and we don't want to do that, but we need something to keep the vehicles from stacking up. If you go down there, there's vehicles up on blocks, flat tires.

Charlie asked, is he going to notify the ones that are already parked there before he posts the signs? Mayor Michael Zangari said yes and I should apologize. I'm sorry. This should be noted, this will not go into effect until January 1st, 2025. So that will give us time to notify and post it well in advance in 30 days. So we'll put notices on every vehicle and I'll do just like we did with

the rats issue. I'll notify all the surrounding neighbors and it will be on social media (David Willis had a question about the towing). Motion on the floor made by Brian Dempsey, and Seconded by Tammy Zangari. **Vote. All. Motion Carried.**

**Solicitor Arlen Day** — Said just one quick note. The evidence locker, if anybody believes they have property in the evidence locker that they could get returned to them, that means that you could legally get it returned to you, you have to file a motion for return of property at the CourtHouse. If they're getting ready to transfer and you have anything in there, it's my understanding that some people have stuff in there and they want to try and get it returned but you have to file a motion. We just can't say here you go.

**Mayor Michael Zangari** — Said yeah. The letter is going out tomorrow. We had to wait for the meeting. The letter is going out tomorrow to PSP officially notifying them that the Police Department is disbanded. Then we'll work with PSP to come down and go through and retrieve the evidence that we transferred. So hopefully by the next meeting we have it officially transferred over. I'm hoping it's that quick.

**Solicitor Arlen** — Said just to be clear, it doesn't mean you have to do it before it's transferred. If it's transferred you just have to, you just have to name who has it, State Police or whoever.

**Mayor Michael Zangari** — Said Girardville Borough is not, is not moving anything from the evidence locker. No one from the Borough will enter that without PSP there and honestly I don't see why anyone from the Borough needs to enter it. It's a PSP matter at this point.

**e. Code Officer's Report:**

Charlie said we have no Code Report.

**f. Permit Officer's Report:**

One UCC Permit was issued for a total of \$64,50. Motion made by Brian Dempsey, and Seconded by Joseph Kessler. **Vote. All. Motion Carried. (338 E. Mahanoy Ave. Porch)**

**BILLS:**

Motion to approve bill list as submitted and read. Motion made by Brian Dempsey, Seconded by Tammy Zangari. **Vote. All. Motion Carried.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Mayor Michael Zangari** — Said under Unfinished Business. Sorry I apologize that it wasn't on here. Just to give you an update for everyone. We received quite a few applications for the Code Officer's position and for the Secretary/ Treasurer's position. We have interviews set up. We're hoping to have folks to have a separate meeting for hiring. Those positions will start January 1st, 2025.



1. Reminder Santa Parade Thursday 11/28/2024 (Thanksgiving Night) at 5PM starting at Burn's Garage and ending here at the Girardville Municipal Building with Santa to hand out presents to the kids.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

##### **1. Snow Parking**

Charlie said, Brian you want to elaborate? Brian said to Tammy go ahead.

**Tammy Zangari** — Emergency Snow Removal Announcement. 3 inches or more of snow. Same as every other year.

The following streets will be in effect for snow removal. No parking on Preston Avenue, and Lower Railroad Street on the first day of storm. **No parking on Day 1** Of the storm, even side of the following streets: Second Street, C Street, B Street, A Street, Ogden Street, and Beech Street.

**On Day 2** There will be No Parking odd side of following streets: Second Street, C Street, B Street, A Street, and Ogden Street.

Until completion these roads must be kept open!

Vehicles that are not removed per above stated will be cited!

Anyone caught throwing snow in Street after plowed will be cited!

Mayor Michael Zangari interrupted and said no citations. Tammy said this is the old one.

Please don't pile snow at the corners.

**Mayor Michael Zangari** — Said Facebook will have it posted. Today's Day 1 of the snow removal and Today's Day 2 To remind you of and we understand there's no Police Department. We're asking for the Municipalities cooperation neighborly as we can be. Trying to participate. It's amazing when everybody participates how quickly the guys can clear the streets and if you need to be reminded drive through other Municipalities. We're probably the only ones that do curb to curb and when it's all cleaned up it's pretty nice. So we're just asking for cooperation from the Municipality.

##### **2. Girard Hose / Police Radio**

Was mentioned by Mayor Michael Zangari

**3. Repository Bids:** Arlen said we're just waiting for the approvals. Charlie said on the Repository Bids we're after 344 East Mahanoy Avenue, 324 and 326 West Ogden Street, 24 East Ogden Street, and 20 East Preston Avenue. Once we get approval and the School District is in the process of approving them. Then they will go back to the County and then they will go on the Demolition List very shortly.

##### **4. Resolution 11-13-24 Revise RTK Policy**

Charlie said, Arlen. Arlen said this is a Resolution 11-13-24 Amending Girardville Borough's Right To Know Law Policy. We had issues that occurred with the computer when Jo was opening up a Right To Know request with an attachment. After that we had a Policy that we weren't going to open attachments. It's becoming not workable but we still want to protect our computer. So we will accept to open attachments as is. They provide information to confirm there's a requester, so we know it's not coming back as a unknown person and also you can either use the Girardville Borough's form, you can use the Office of Open Records standard request form or you can send it in. If you're sending it in an email you just have to have all the information that we require under the Policy in the email. So there's really 3 different ways you can. Last time you had to use the Girardville Borough form. I found out that you still have to accept the Standard Right To Know request forms from the old law. So I made those changes and what will happen if you're sending an email with an attachment you have to have your phone number. If the Borough doesn't know you, the Borough's going to call you and say, just called to confirm it's you. You confirm it's you then you go down on the list and you won't have to do that again.

**Charlie—** Said we need to adopt Resolution 11-13-24 Revise RTK Policy. Motion made by David Willis, Seconded by Brian Dempsey. **Vote. All. Motion Carried.**

#### **5. Julie Zangari – GAMA BOARD**

Charlie read a letter from Julie Zangari for her 5 year term on the GAMA BOARD. We need a motion to accept Julie's 5 year term on Girardville Area Municipal Authority. Motion made by Brian Dempsey, Seconded by Joseph Kessler. **Vote. All. Motion Carried.**

#### **6. David Willis — Council Member**

Was mentioned by Charlie Marquardt at the beginning of the meeting.

#### **7. Helping Harvest will be here November 18th, 2024.**

Charlie asked Annetta is there one for December? Annetta said yes, but I don't know the date. Annetta said it's usually the 3rd Monday of the month.

**8. Code Officer Aide —** Charlie said we have a new position here and we would like Mayor Michael Zangari to address it. Michael said we looked at how our Code Office actually functions currently, obviously without a Police Department. There are things we are able to enforce under Code. That they are important and don't become cover subjects. We want our Code Enforcement Officer to focus on some of our bigger issues but at the same time we don't feel that trash on your back porch or things like that aren't important or doesn't need to be taken care of. So I proposed to Council, we came up with a job description for a Code Officer's Aide Position. Right now we have a ballpark of 10 hours a week position. They would be going through town looking for Quality of Life issues and issuing citations according to those problems and part of that position is to follow up on the Quality of Life. It might start people to get things cleaned up. We're stream lining how to do that. I'm not blind when I drive through town. We have some major problems. We're trying to get creative on how to deal with it. The position would work with Code Enforcement but not replace the Code Enforcement Officer in any capacity. It simply would be an Aide helping to complete some of those tasks. Pay will be

discussed. Most Quality of Life Tickets start out at \$25.00. We're going to work out a pay scale with the Quality of Life citation scale. So as we're finishing our interviews for Code Enforcement Officer, some of them might fit this position versus than Code Enforcement Officer. So I'm asking Council to advertise this position. Deadline would be December 6th, 2024 by 3PM.

**Charlie**, I need a motion to post and advertise for a Code Officer Aide with a deadline by December 6th at 3PM. Motion made by Tammy Zangari, and Seconded by Brian Dempsey.  
**Vote. All. Motion Carried.**

**Mayor**— Said I just want it noted to the public anyone that put in for the Code Enforcement Officer's position are still eligible for the other positions. Thank You

**Charlie** — Said we are going to advertise it along with our Council Meeting, because of all the interviews and what's going on. That next months Work Session is going to begin at 3PM. So we can do our business and go right into all the interviews for all the positions that are going to be opened including the new position tonight. So far everyone that put in for the Code Officer's position, Borough Secretary/Treasurer and Solicitor said they would be here. Each one has a time slot.

**Charlie** — Said we need a motion to advertise and post it that the Work Session Meeting will be at 3PM December 8th, 2024 and We are moving our December 11th, 2024 Council Meeting at 7:30PM to December 19th, 2024 at 7:30PM. That's going to be a Thursday December 19th for the Council Meeting instead of a Wednesday because Girardville Area Municipal Authority's (GAMA) meeting is Wednesday December 18th, 2024. We need a motion to move the Council Meeting from December 11th, 2024 at 7:30PM to December 19th, 2024 at 7:30PM. Motion made by Brian Dempsey, Seconded by David Willis. **Vote. All. Motion Carried.**

Tammy Zangari will discuss the budget.

**Tammy** — The budget right now, attentive revenue is \$424,500.00. The attentive disbursement is 402,800. Upon completion of the numbers, we should have the numbers of the budget closer to Friday morning November 15th. It will be finished and posted then. It will be on display in the lobby where it's always posted at and to piggyback off that, I will need a motion for Arlen, actually let me start from the beginning. We will be having a tax increase. Will be going up 3 mils, on that we will need a motion for Arlen to prepare the Ordinance 5th and advertise the Tax Increase. Arlen said and the Budget. Tammy said and the Budget, yes.

**Charlie**— Said we need a motion for this Friday the 15th for the attentive budget on display and for our Solicitor to prepare the Ordinance for a 3 mil Tax Increase. Motion made by Joseph Kessler, Seconded by Brian Dempsey. **Vote. All. Motion Carried.**

**Mayor Michael Zangari**— Explained why there was a Tax Increase.

**John Smolock**—From the audience interrupted saying Council should tighten their belt on spending, just like we're going to have to do.

**Mayor Michael Zangari**— Continued to explain what caused the Tax Increase.

**David Willis** — Interrupted and he went on explaining how the Tax Increase would help.

Arlen Said I was going to say open public comment on that so

Tammy — Yeah

Charlie — Ok at this time

Arlen—Said before you do, if anyone has any input on the budget we can do so now.

Tammy Zangari — Said any input on the budget

Mayor — Said public comment

Arlen — Said or Tax increase either one

Charlie and Arlen Said OK.

Then Rob Krick Has a question.

Rob Krick — Asked is the budget worksheet available to look at?

Tammy — Said it will be up on Friday.

Rob Krick — The general piece of paper you're sending the statements. Are you doing the budgets on the spreadsheets? With the 3 years previous.

Mary Beth Dougherty — Its being done this year from last year. It wasn't done for the last couple of years. What I was given to the budget last.

Rob Krick — Is there any objection to seeing that?

Arlen — Said it's going to be posted.

Mary Beth Dougherty — Said last year's budget I was given showed something like unaccountable expenditure's \$181,000. That this council did not show how you were spending it. So I don't know what you did with it this year. Charlie knows we use to do it on spreadsheets.

Tammy—Yeah

Tammy — Said to Mary Beth yeah, we do have that spreadsheet and that will be available Friday.

Mary Beth Dougherty — And it shows prior years spending?

Tammy Said yes.

Rob Krick — We got it available for review by the public?

Arlen and Tammy — Yeah

Mary Beth Dougherty — That's what I want. Yeah, that's what I want to see the spreadsheet.

Tammy — Yeah

Mary Beth Dougherty — How many back years does it show?

Tammy — I believe it goes back to 2021.

Mary Beth Dougherty —It should go back 4 or 5 years.

Tammy — It definitely does.

Mary Beth Dougherty —That's what I want.

Rob Krick —If I wanted to look at that I would have to make arrangements with the office?

Tammy — Said it will be available on Friday.

Charlie — Said with that in mind. Just in case, based on anything else, we would like to ask the Solicitor and Council motion for a line of credit. Just in case based on what Tammy and them



have read off with our numbers and stuff like that. If things changed, then we wouldn't have to use it. So at this time it's essential to get the ball rolling. Same as last year's \$50,000. Joe Kessler, No \$40,000. Charlie said I'm sorry. I stand corrected, it's \$40,000. Motion made by Tammy Zangari, Seconded by Brian Dempsey. **Vote. All. Motion Carried.**

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

a. letters, flyers, magazines

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Charlie said anybody have anything on reports of Committees?

**Charlie said Tammy update on the park?**

**Tammy** — Said progress is being done at the park. Front fence is done. Screwing in some of the posts, front posts are done. They will be starting on the back fence here in a little bit. Hopefully, the back fence will be done prior to the snow.

**Mayor Michael Zangari** — Said The park is still closed. I don't know if it was posted yet, but we can post it.

**Tammy** — Yeah.

**Mayor** — Said we don't need anyone driving through it, so at this second, it doesn't meet Ada compliance, so it's closed. They're still looking at plans so they can make Ada compliance, so everyone can enjoy the park. So at this time it's closed.

**Charlie** — Said anybody else have anything on committees

**Mayor** — 129 West Main Street was awarded to Trendsetters Inc. through the county demolition. They are working on getting their bonds together. So we anticipate that coming down shortly. So we hope before the weather gets bad. So hopefully in the next 2 weeks or so they will get the bonds together, and then we'll work with Jean Ann for the Permits, and get it down and hopefully in the Spring we can get those other one's down as well.

**Charlie** — OK anybody else

OK I open the floor for Public Comment

**Mary Beth Dougherty** — To change your meeting in December it wasn't in the motion to advertise it.

**Arlen** — Said go ahead now.

**Charlie** — Said so on our Work Session Meeting and Council Meeting.

**Mary Beth Dougherty** — Talking over Charlie

**Mary Beth** — You need to advertise it on your motion.

**Charlie** — Said o.k. I'm sorry

**Charlie** — All right, so we want to make sure of our motion for our Work Session and Council Meeting. We legally advertise it in the newspaper and post it for the changes to be made for the Work Session to be moved to 3 PM on that date and also for the Council Meeting to be removed

entirely from that date to December 19th, 2024 at 7:30 PM. Motion made by Tammy Zangari. Seconded by Brian Dempsey. **Vote. All. Motion Carried.**

**Mary Beth Dougherty** — I have one more question in regards to Code Officer Aide. How many hours a week does Bill Killian working or has been working? I thought it was like 25 hours he gets paid for and it's supposed to be Wednesday nights that he would be here. I don't know What's his work accountability is. I don't understand why now all of a sudden a need to hire yet hire a full-time Code Enforcement Person and plus an Aide and tonight we heard Charlie say no Code Enforcement Report. Why does he need to apology for? Why doesn't he do it? Why isn't he held accountable for not doing it? I don't understand.

**Charlie** — Said we reached out. We reached out to Bill.  
Mary Beth is talking over Charlie.

**Mary Beth** — That's why John is questioning money being suspended and everything.

**Charlie** — I get it. I understand.

**Mary Beth** — Can't make out what she's saying.

**Charlie** — That's why we decided the way to go with the route we did with Code Enforcement.

**Mary Beth** — Said but again, my question is, what's the accountability here?

**Charlie** — The accountability is on Bill. We have been reaching out. Reaching out to Bill and we haven't gotten any response.

**Mary Beth** — Why is he still getting a pay?

**Charlie** — So, so

**Mary Beth** — Why is he still getting his check?

**Charlie** — He is returning reports in. We just don't have a report to. Night, who knows? We may get one tomorrow. I don't know,

Mary Beth can't hear what she's saying. Someone else is talking.

**Charlie** — I get what you're saying MaryBeth. I understand that. I understand that.

**Mary Beth** — Is still talking as Charlie is answering her and she's talking all over him.

**Mary Beth** — You're still paying him. He still doesn't show up to do his job and gets paid 25 hours a week. That's fabulous, and that's the money John is talking about.

**Charlie** — And I agree with John. I do.

**Tammy** — On the other side of that. With John's comment, you want a code office? And you want stuff done in town? We're going to have

**Mary Beth** — Interrupts. I get that. You haven't been making him accountable. You have been paying this guy, so why should we trust you moving forward?

**Tammy** — Which is why we want to make it better.

**Mary Beth** — And I have 0 faith that you're going to do it.

**Tammy** — And I hope to prove you wrong.

**Mary Beth** — Yeah, I have 0 faith because that track record is not good and I'm sorry to say the track record is not good. You have Code Enforcement, you have your dad, Diver Cress, everybody cloned on Code Enforcement and the town looks like crap for the past how long. You're paying Killian, and you know he's never here and never around. Yeah, he says he's doing reports, but yet another month and no report. I want accountability from you people. That's just one of the many things that you don't hold him for his accountability.

**Mayor Michael Zangari** — Here is what I'll say. This will be my only comment on this entire matter. There is a full page job description. A 3 page job description for the new Code

Enforcement Officer. A page and a 1/2 job description for the Code Enforcement Aide position. There's a 3 page job description for the Borough Secretary/Treasurer. That person will sign. I'm 28 years old. I wasn't here when any of those folks were hired, but I can tell you those job descriptions were very specific on what the Borough wants. One of course is reporting the person that is hired for those positions, fails to do the position. I then have documentation. We have documentation that they are failing to do their job. What I can't tell you or what I cannot show you right now, what job description Mr. Killian was given upon his hiring because I haven't been able to locate one. So

**Mary Beth** — No offense. You're the Mayor, you don't go saying this, the ones up there should. The other people up there are the ones that hire and fire.

**Mayor** — You're right.

**Mary Beth** — I'm really not quite sure why you're going and saying this.

**Mayor** — I'm sharing with you.

**Mary Beth** — Right, I understand that.

**Mayor** — The point of this is I guess the word revamp is probably the most appropriate that way, we can't fix the mess. That has certainly accumulated, but what we can do is create a way. We can hold folks accountable for these problems. Right now we have nothing that says that he is required to give us here, other than word-of-mouth. So and you know?

Mary Beth and the Mayor start talking at the same time.

**Mary Beth** — That's that's poor management, and I'm sorry, and I'm not saying it's you.

**Mayor** — But, but just listen.

**Mary Beth** — There's 6 people up there, that has been around for a while and had to turn a blind eye to his lack of.

**Michael** — well, that's coming to an end.

**Mary Beth** — That's never coming to an end.

**Michael** — That's what I said.

**Mary Beth** — Going forward, You're putting all this money so let's hope it works. Again, I don't have much faith from what I have seen in the past from all of you.

**Michael** — You got some new folks here. We just swore in a new council member tonight.

**Mary Beth** — And I do know if anybody in this room and I probably know better than most of you, what Code Enforcement is, what it does bring to a town. What it does bring to a community. I've seen it all over the state and what I've seen in this town is I'm really shocked to be quite honest. Totally shocked. I visited a lot of communities in this state and what I see in this town, it just makes me want to vomit.

**David Willis** — Mary Beth, You are absolutely correct, there's zero accountability.

**Mary Beth** — I hope and I hope for you tonight. Because you and I had conversations.

**David** — Yeah, but there's.

Mary Beth is talking too. You're the only one that's up there. That's not afraid to hold people accountable for.

**David** — Nobody holds the police accountable, Nobody holds the secretary accountable when she gives us agendas with 16 typos on it. Nobody holds anyone accountable. I agree with you, Mary Beth entirely, but I do want to let you know the work session is open and we will be doing interviews at the work session and you are more than welcome to come.

**Mary Beth** — thank you, David.

David — yep.

Arlen — OK, Anything else I see Mr. Krick?

Charlie — Rob

Rob — Quick question. How many lawsuits are pending against the borough at this time?

Mayor — We were served with a well, Arlen was served with a lawsuit against him and his firm. And because you are our solicitor we have to find representation.

Arlen — It's a gentleman who or a company that did a Right To Know appeal against Girardville at the OOR. They lost and after that, they filed an appeal with Schuylkill County, that decision of the OOR (The Office of Open Records) and then they also sued me and the firm. Alleging that I made a false statement that they submitted. Now where is the Borough, which is absolutely false because I didn't make any statements that I represented the Borough and communicated what I knew. So I already filed. Preliminary objections to it based on immunity and the law is that whatever you submit in litigation can't be the subject of a defirmation of a liable case. So FrankCurry isn't going anywhere. He's also filing against Mahanoy City, he filed against Pottsville and the prison and all these other places. So, as far as other litigation, there are 2 actual suits against the borough.

Rob Krick — Two suits against the borough and that other suit is yours?

Arlen — Yeah, yeah, and named me an individual which is ridiculous. Because I never had to individually. You can't, just say you got to answer it. And I just filed for it. So

Charlie — Anybody else?

Charlie — Said Annetta.

Annetta Whitecavage — I have 2 things, first the banners will be taken down next Saturday at 8 AM. Anyone who wants their banners that are really bad? They're not going back up for next year. You'll have to get a new one. If you can't read, you can't see who it is, it's not going back up. We're just going to put them in a bin.

Charlie — Do they contact you for them?

Annetta — it's actually the Borough's project anymore. It's not the Legion, contact the Borough and they will give me a message and I will make time to come over and look at them. But they're really bad, some of them. You can't even see who they are. The other thing is, the new applications will be out at the end of January. They will be at the Borough Office on the ledge there. The next thing I have is, I'm looking here at the bill's approved. Lavey Law 2691 Anita. Carver case, do we know what the decision was on that?

Arlen — It's still ongoing.

Charlie — It's still ongoing.

Tammy — It's still on going.

Mayor — It's still ongoing.

Annetta — That's not settled.

Arlen — Correct.

Charlie — Right.

Arlen — Yep, I think it's a deductible, right? Charlie — Yeah, it's our insurance.

Arlene — Yeah.

Charlie — Yes

Annetta — Just curious.



**Charlie** — As soon as we know, we'll let you know, we just don't know, it's handled by insurance companies.

**Arlen** — The banova suit. He didn't file timelines, he didn't do other things. They just dismissed part of it and part of it still remains so.

**Annetta** — That's OK.

**Arlen** — Actually in the type of case it is unfortunately it's in early stage and they seem to take forever

**Annetta** — Is our former police officer's case still ongoing.

**Tammy** — Yes.

**Arlen** — Said Bivona that's the case I'm talking about.

**Annetta** — We have his. That is civil.

**Arlen** — Yeah, yep

**Arlen** — Their's is a product of his.

**Annetta** — Yeah, I know.

I'd love to sit in on that deposition of that one.

**Annetta** — I'd like to be a fly on that. Wow, wow.

**Arlen** — Yeah

People are laughing

**Arlen** — Yeah.

**Charlie** — I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.

Tammy Zangari made the motion, Seconded by Brian Dempsey.

**Street:** None

**School Building:** None

**Finance:** Was mentioned already by Tammy Zangari

**Personnel:** None

**Code/Qofl:** None

**Recreation:** Was mentioned by Tammy Zangari

**Solicitor:** He spoke at the beginning of meeting.

**Landfill:** None

**Next Meeting:** Thursday December 19th, 2024

Respectfully Submitted,

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**Regular Meeting**

**PLACE: Municipal Bldg. DATE: December 19, 2024 TIME: 7:30 PM**

**OPEN MEETING**

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

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** Brian Dempsey, David Willis, Tammy Zangari, Mayor Michael Zangari, President Charles Marquardt, Solicitor Arlen Day and Josephine Heffner.

**Members Absent:** Joseph Kessler

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA:**

Nothing

**APPROVAL OF REPORTS:**

**Minutes:** Motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting made by Tammy Zangari, Seconded by Brian Dempsey. **Vote. All. Motion Carried.**

**Treasurer's report:** Motion to accept the report made by Tammy Zangari, Seconded by Brian Dempsey. **Vote. All. Motion Carried.**

**Tax Collector's report:** Motion to accept the report and pay the Tax Collector made by Brian Dempsey, Seconded by Tammy Zangari.

**Vote. All. Motion Carried.**

**Mayor's report: Mayor Michael Zangari** — Said the State Police were down yesterday. I'm working with the Crime Division. They collected all the evidence out of our evidence locker from Girardville. It was all transported back to PSP barracks in Frackville, where they are logging it into their system. We will get a receipt from PSP on every piece of evidence that was removed from this building. We have not yet received that, they are still processing it. So at this point the Police Station is no longer a Police Station. It will be devoted to the Code Officer. If you had anything taken from the Girardville Police Department that was yours, you can contact PSP in Frackville and speak to them. Please do not call Borough Hall, Myself, or any member of

Council. There's nothing we can do for you at this point. In that aspect, there's a process PSP has. If you had a firearm removed from you, to obtain it back. So everything will go through them when it comes to anything like that.

Motion to accept the report as read made by Brian Dempsey, Seconded by David Willis. **Vote. All. Motion Carried.**

**Code Enforcement report:** We received a letter of Resignation from Bill Killian effective December 31st, 2024. **Charlie** — Said first we need a motion to accept the report as submitted. Motion to accept the report as submitted made by Tammy Zangari, Seconded by Brian Dempsey. **Vote. All. Motion Carried.**

**Charlie** — Said second we need a motion to accept Bill Killian's Resignation effective December 31st, 2024. Motion made by David Willis, Seconded by Brian Dempsey. **Vote. All. Motion Carried.**

**Permit Officer's report:**

None — No UCC Permits issued for the month.

**Charlie** — Bills.

**Mayor** — Before Charlie reads it out. You folks that have a copy, there's a Green's Communication for a radio removed from the police car bill for \$120. The Borough paid that, but that bill needs to be sent to Girard Hose Company and the Borough will get reimbursed for that. Right now it looks like a bill. We will get reimbursed hopefully by next month.

**BILLS:**

Motion to approve the bill list as submitted and read was made by Tammy Zangari, Seconded by Brian Dempsey. **Vote. All. Motion Carried.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Charlie** — We have the GAMA Board Position. We received one letter. Michael said, Charlie we did. **Mayor Michael**, You appointed her last month. **Charlie** — We did?

**Tammy** — hmm

**Mayor Michael** — hmm

**Arlen** — Why don't you talk about it?

**Mayor Michael** — You were suppose to about how she's a sitting position.

**Arlen** — Right

**Charlie** — Okay, she's a sitting position. It's an appointed position. It doesn't have to be advertised.

**Mayor Michael** — There were questions about it last month, because Julie was appointed and the position wasn't advertised.

**Charlie** — So now we're ready tonight and she took the position and it didn't have to be advertised.

**Mayor Michael** — Thanks Charlie.

**Charlie** — You're welcome Michael.

(Council and Solicitor laughing)



**Charlie** — Next there's a Solicitor Position. We did interviews. Charlie said, Michael I don't know do you want to read this for us?

**Michael** — Sure, The proposal for tonight is from Shane Hobbs. The rate is \$2500 retainer fee, which would cover all of our meetings. Attendance for approximately 2 hours and all 12 Regular Meetings, and he will be available by phone for all our Work Sessions. The hourly rate is \$100 an hour. The \$2500 starts at the beginning of the calendar year.

**Charlie** — We need a motion to appoint Shane Hobbs as the new Solicitor for 2025. Motion made by David Willis, Seconded by Tammy Zangari.

**Arlen** — Said and, and to approve me?

**Charlie** — OH yes, yes and our current Solicitor is going to continue to work with him on any unfinished stuff that has to be done. Until everything is cleared up and they both are working together now on issues. Motion on the floor. Brian Dempsey made the motion, Seconded by Tammy Zangari. **Vote. All. Motion Carried.**

#### **Budget**

**Charlie** — Said Tammy, Do you want to read the budget? **Tammy** — Asked Arlen, Do you want me to just read out the numbers? Arlen said pardon me, Tammy said, Do you just want me to read out the numbers? Arlen said yeah, go ahead. **Tammy** — The Annual Budget report is, Total Revenues is \$423,080.00 and Total Expenditures is \$423,780.00. **Arlen** — Said you need a vote. **Charlie** — Yeah, we need a motion and we need to do it by a roll call vote. **Arlen** — You need a motion and a second. **Charlie** — Yeah, I know. **Arlen** — Said I didn't mean to rush you (Council and Solicitor laughing). **Tammy** — Said we're open for that. **Charlie** — Said we're not open for that (Council and Solicitor laughing). **Charlie** — We need a motion on what Tammy read out for the Proposed Budget. Motion made by Brian Dempsey, Seconded by David Willis. **Vote. All. Motion Carried.** **Charlie** — Said now we have to do a roll call vote on the Budget. Charlie said Brian, then he said go ahead Jo call them out. Jo said roll call? Charlie said yes. **Jo** — Joseph Kessler absent, Brian Dempsey—Yes, David Willis—Yes, Tammy Zangari—Yes, Mayor Michael Zangari. President Charles Marquardt—Yes, Solicitor Arlen said, you don't have to call me. Jo said okay. Charlie said, The Budget for 2025 will be as read.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Charlie** — Next under New Business is

1. Ordinance Number 12-19-2024-1 New Tax Rate for 2025. **Arlen** said, it's increasing the taxrate from 22.7 Mills to 25.7 Mills. It results in an increase of \$2.50 per \$100. Which equates to \$225.70 per 1000 of assessed property values. **Charlie** — Okay, we need a motion to accept the New Tax Rate at 25.7 Mills. Motion made by David Willis, Seconded by Brian Dempsey.

**Vote. All. Motion Carried.** **Charlie** — We need a roll call again. **Jo** — Said okay. Brian Dempsey —Yes, Joseph Kessler— absent, David Willis—Yes, Tammy Zangari —Yes, Mayor Michael Zangari, Charles Marquardt —Yes, Solicitor Arlen Day. **Arlen** — Said you're not to call me. **Jo** — Said okay. Charlie asked Arlen, Should I go down to the Resolutions? Arlen said huh? No, go ahead and just do them in order. We'll do the other ones down the end there.

2. **Charlie** — Next we have the list of Meetings and Work Sessions for 2025. They are going to stay the same. The Council Meetings will be held the second Wednesday of every month at 7:30 PM, and the Work Sessions will be the Sunday before at 6 PM. We need a motion for the

Council Meetings and Work Sessions for 2025. Motion made by Tammy Zangari. Seconded by Brian Dempsey. **Vote. All. Motion Carried.**

**3. Charlie** — Next we have to approve the list of Pay Dates for 2025, which they will stay the same every 2 weeks. We need a motion for that. Motion made by Tammy Zangari, Seconded by Brian Dempsey. **Vote. All. Motion Carried.** (Arlen is asking Charlie and Jo something about Resolutions five and six. Can't hear what he's saying. Jo said yes to Arlen).

**4. Charlie** — Next on the agenda, we have to approve the list of Helping Harvest dates for 2025. Charlie started reading the dates. Michael interrupted and said Charlie, can't you just post the dates? Arlen said yes, just post it. Charlie said I'll just post the dates out there on the bulletin board.

**5. Charlie** — Okay, the printer is next. David, you want to take the printer? **David Willis** — Said okay. So we have been spending money because we have been running out of toner through the current printer. For as many papers we print, because we, Jo had emails sent out. We're going through a crazy amount on printing supplies. I have met with somebody from Edward's and they are who handles the libraries in the area like Ashland and everything like that and there's is. For a new machine, they will handle all labor for it. Handle all maintenance for it, and the toner. The only thing we would have to supply ourselves is the paper that we will be printing on for the new printer, and then to set up the software and as well being on call on any problems with the printer. \$240 a month, I believe that is less than what we are spending on toner right now for a machine, they will handle all labor for it. Handle all maintenance for it. And the toner, the only thing we would have to supply. Ourselves is the paper that we will be printing on for the new preprinter. And then to set up the software and I'm call on any problems with the sad printer \$240 a month. I believe that is less than what we are spending on toner right now for a device that is capable of doing what we needed to do. That quote is subject to change at any point if we would need more paper or I'm sorry if we need more copies printed around the holidays is a good example, for hanging Christmas Decorations or anything on the polls. Printing more than we would the rest of the year off that quote. With that being said, we are working on getting emails for ourselves, so that should bring our printing down, which would bring the cost down. But I'm looking at soliciting that we go through with this lease. So that we're not spending as much on toner and that we don't have to. We make 80,000 copies a year. I was shocked when they printed the report out. 80,000 copies is ( Tammy is saying something. Can't hear what she's saying) ludacris. I could not believe it and we need to step into the digital age. Like I said, once we step into the digital age and get the email and everything forwarded to us that quote will go down from the \$240, but the \$240 is what we are doing right now. I would like a motion to order it. **Charlie** — Motion on the floor. Motion made by Brian Dempsey, Seconded by Tammy Zangari. **Vote. All. Motion Carried.** **Charlie** — So that will be for Edward's Business System and the cost would be \$240 a month.

**6. Charlie** — Next on the agenda, we had discussions on these Games of Chances and it is going to be tabled right now. We are still investigating that's insisting of the skilled games and

business and stuff like that. Other Municipalities do have these Ordinances. So we are looking at other ordinances to see if we can comply with them and possibly do something too.

**David Willis** — Charlie, every Borough in our area are getting \$200 or \$300 per machine and that would help us financially and entirely as a Borough. There are some places in this town that has up to 10 machines. That's a significant chunk of change that we can be using to fund this town and take some of the financial burden off our constituents.

**Arlen** — Just on that note. Currently, there is a Borough that's about to adopt rates for jukeboxes, which would include any kind of music machine \$50 per device per year, mechanical amusement devices and dart boards and things like that. A \$100 per device per calendar year, but the actual skill games where you're in there, but not really gambling, but they don't consider it gambling. You're in there trying to make money. They would be a \$1000 per device per year. I know a \$1000 per year. Lier might sound like a lot, but if you knew how much money those machines were making it's a rigdance. So that's just one nearby Borough that plans to do that, so

**Mayor Michael** — It should be known that non-profit entities would be exempt from those permit costs.

**John Smolock** — from the audience said such as.

**David** — The Legion

**Mayor Michael** — Yes.

**Charlie** — Okay we'll have more of a discussion on that at the following meeting.

**7. Charlie** — Next on the agenda is the St. Patrick's Day Parade, which we have to meet with the Parade Committee and go over some details and stuff and see exactly where we are going with this. We don't know any, We have a bunch of Council people here who have issues and concerns. We need to work these things out and see what's going to happen. So by next meeting we should have a Work Session with the Parade Committee. Go over and see what's going to happen and we'll get back at the next meeting with an answer on it.**David** — It's important to be known to the public that we don't have police here in town anymore. There are jurisdiction issues and the Sheriff's Office won't be available that day to give us coverage for a parade or the block party over on Beech Street.

**BettyAnn Bernoski** — It's a concern.

**Charlie** — Okay next are Resolutions.

**8. Charlie** — First we have a Resolution 12-19-2024-1 Fire Chief Agreement.

**Arlen** — This is Annual Agreement for Girardville Fire chief runs from December 31st to be renewed annually. \$500 to be paid at the end of the year.

**Charlie** — We need a motion for Resolution 12-19-2024-1, 2025 Fire Chief's Agreement. Motion made by David Willis, Seconded by Brian Dempsey. **Vote. All. Motion Carried.**

**9. Charlie** — Next is Resolution 12-19-2024-2 Appoint Auditor

**Arlen** — 12-19-2024-2 is the fiscal year to appoint the auditor and appointment again is will be the same as last year L. Sam Deegan.

**Charlie** — We need a motion to appoint L. Sam Deegan are auditor. Motion made by Tammy Zangari, Seconded by Brian Dempsey. **Vote. All. Motion Carried.**

**10. Charlie** — Next Resolution 12-19-24-3 Appoint Financial Institution.

**Arlen** — This is Resolution appointing Mid Penn Bank as the depository for the Borough for the year 2025. Tammy Zangari said I'll make a motion, Seconded by Brian Dempsey. **Vote. All.**

**Motion Carried. Charlie** — Now, before I go any further on the bank checking accounts and stuff like that, Councilman Kessler had asked to be removed from it and we need a motion here to appoint Tammy Zangari on the checking for the Borough. **Arlen**, it would be signatory.

**Charlie** — I'm sorry to be signatory on that. David Willis made the motion, Seconded by Brian Dempsey. **Vote. All. Motion Carried.**

**11. Charlie** — Next is Resolution 12-19-2024-4 Appoint Engineering Firm.

**Arlen** — This is a Resolution appointing Entech Engineering as the Engineering Firm for Girardville Borough for the year 2025.

**Charlie** — We need a motion to appoint Entech Engineering. Motion made by David Willis, Seconded by Brian Dempsey. **Vote. All. Motion Carried.**

**12. Charlie** — Next is Resolution 12-19-2024-5 Demolition 324 and 326 West Ogden Street.

**Arlen** — This is a Resolution for Demolition of 324 and 326 West Ogden Street done through the County, and the cost is \$67,700.

**Charlie** — We need a motion to approve the Resolution for the Demolition of 324 and 326 West Ogden street. Wait, someone from the audience has a question.

**Virginia McMonegal** — When is that stated to be done?

**Charlie** — It's not stated yet. It's still going through with the commissioners and all.

**Virginia McMonegal** — Okay, I guess we'd talk to Mike Soucheck and we noticed that the door was open next to us. That vacant home, he said the County was in there. But the door is still open and that's not good. The inside door is opened and it needs to be closed.

**Charlie** — We own that now.

**Virginia McMonegal** — I didn't want to go up and shut it, Charlie.

**Charlie** — We will go and secure the building tomorrow (Friday, December 20th, 2024).

**Virginia and Mouse McMonegal** — Okay, Thank you.

**Mouse McMonegal** — 324 that still has the power on and the roofs in. **Virginia** — Fell in. **Mouse** — Fell in.

**Charlie** — The power is still hooked up at 324? **Mouse and Virginia** — Yeah. **Mayor Michael** — I will put a call in tomorrow (Friday, December 20th 2024) as well. **Mouse** — yeah, okay. **Charlie** — Okay **Charlie** — How about 326 is the power off in there? **Mouse and Virginia** — That's pulled, yeah. **Charlie** — Okay. **Mouse** — Now I have one more thing. I have a wall. **David** — Mouse can I bug you to stand at the podium and announce your name so the recorder catches your name and records it.

**David** — You don't have to stand at the podium. Stand next to it to get the formality. **Mouse** — No, it's Okay( people are laughing). Mouse state your address. **Mouse** — Wait till I get up here. Hi, how are you doing? What I wanted to ask you about is that I have a wall. My retaining wall is holding the back of that house up. It's crushing it and now it's all cracked up and everything from holding the back of that house up. Now, am I responsible or who is responsible for that?

Because once they crush that building that's going to come out. **Arlen and Charlie** — Let's check into that for sure. **Arlen** — Yeah, check into that. **Charlie** — Let me find out for sure Mouse.



It's holding it up. **David** — Did you check with your insurance? **Mouse** — No. **David** — Just out of curiosity, **Virginia** — I'll tell you what we really don't want to bring our insurance into it. **David** — No I don't blame you. **Virginia**—2 vacant houses on each side of us, they might drop us. **David** — I totally get it. **Charlie** — Okay. Thank you Patrick. **David** — Thank you, Mouse.

**13. Charlie** — Next is Resolution 12-19-2024-6 Demolition of 24 East Ogden Street. **Arlen** — Did you vote on it? **Mayor** — Yeah, you already voted on it. **Arlen** — Not this one, the one before it. This is a Resolution approving the Demolition of 24 East Ogden Street by the County for a cost of \$77,500..**Mayor** — The reason why that cost is so high is because there is no foundation between that and the occupied structure aside of it. So they have to put a foundation in. **Charlie** — That's why we want to find out if they checked that and it was in the bid. **Mouse and Virginia** — No one came on our back porch. **Charlie** — We'll find out. **Mouse** — No one came on our back porch. **Virginia** — No one came on our side, **Charlie**— Okay. **David** — Mouse could you guys send the pictures to us? **Mouse and Virginia** — Yes, sure, **David** — That would be great. **David** — If you could wait until the end of the meeting we'll give you the email address where you can ship them right , the one before it. **Arlen** — This is a Resolution approving the Demolition of 24 East Ogden Street by the County for a cost of \$77,500. **Mayor Michael** — The reason why that cost is so high is because there is no foundation between that and the occupied structure aside of it. So they have to put a foundation in. **Charlie** — That's why we want to find out if they checked that and it was in the bids. **Mouse and Virginia** — No one came on our back porch. **Charlie** — We'll find out. **Mouse** — No one came on our back porch. **Virginia** — No one came on our side. **Charlie** — Okay. **David** — Mouse could you guys send the pictures to us? **Mouse and Virginia** — Yes, sure. **David** — That would be great. If you could wait until the end of the meeting will give you the email address where you can ship them right over to the secretary. **Mouse and Virginia** — Yeah. **David** — Sounds good. **Mouse and Virginia** — Okay, yeah. **Charlie** — Okay, We need a motion for that. Motion made by **Tammy Zangari**, Seconded by, **Brian Dempsey**. **Vote. All. Motion Carried.**

**14. Charlie** — Next Resolution 12-19-2024-7 Demolition, 20 East Preston Avenue.

**Arlen** — This is a Resolution for the Demolition 420 East Preston Avenue by the County on a cost of \$28,500.

**Charlie** — We need a motion for the Demolition at 20 East Preston Avenue.

Tammy made the motion, Seconded by Brian Dempsey. **Vote. All. Motion Carried.**

**Arlen** — When the County does it, it doesn't mean Girardville hands them \$77,500. The County puts a lien on the property and if the property is sold, it has to be sold at Fair Market Value. It doesn't have to be sold at \$77,500 it just has to be sold at Fair Market Value. The Fair Market Value obtained from it does go back to the County.

**Virginia** — yeah, OK.

**Charlie** — We were also told that anybody interested in purchasing properties would have to get the appraisal done and pay for the appraisal. The Borough does not do that, pay for the appraisal.

**Virginia** — Right

**Charlie** — Anybody after property next to them or wherever, they would have to get the appraisal done to get the fair market value. It's roughly around \$400.

Virginia — Yeah

**15. Charlie** — Next Resolution 12-19-2024-8 Line of Credit

**Arlen** — This is to get the Tax Anticipation Note in the amount of \$40,000 and it's for the year 2025 and it's through Mid Penn Bank. The loan amount is \$40,000. The rate is quoted at 75% of Wall Street Journal Prime Rate. Interest only on money on mounted advanced principle due maturity and we do have the Proposal from Mid Penn Bank which is attached to the Resolution that would be accepted and we have the Tax Anticipation Note also attached as an Exhibit as well as the Certification of Taxes to be collected in 2025, which is \$423,080.

**Charlie** — Okay, that we need a motion to approve Resolution. 12-19-2024-8 Line of Credit. Motion made by Tammy Zangari, Seconded by Brian Dempsey. **Vote. All. Motion Carried.**

**Arlen** — The Proposal \$40,000 at the prime rate 7.6 currently at 7.75, but it's quoting at 75% Wall Street Journal Prime. We need to approve the Proposal. Tammy made the motion, Seconded by David Willis. **Arlen** — Also a motion for the Anticipation Note itself. **Charlie** — We need a motion for the Anticipation Note. Motion made by Brian Dempsey, Seconded by Tammy Zangari. **Vote. All. Motion Carried.**

**16. Land Bank** Tammy, We will not be renewing with the Land Bank in 2025. Tammy read the letter that is going to be sent to the Land Bank. **Charlie** — North Schuylkill School isn't in it.

**Arlen** — North Schuylkill School isn't in it there's no reason for you to be in it. **Tammy**, Said right. **Charlie** — We need a motion to send the letter to the Land Bank. Will remain by David Willis Seconded by Brian Dempsey. **Vote. All. Motion Carried.**

**17.** We have the Code Enforcement Officer position. Michael asked Charlie, did he want him to do it? Charlie said yep, **Michael** — We had multiple candidates. We did interviews the other Sunday for 6 hours. It was the recommendation of Council and Code Committee that Nicholas Haslen be put into the position of Code Enforcement Officer. He has a contract and the contract is for \$1,000 a month for 25 hours. How that breaks down is outside of that 25 hours, he's required to be at every Work Session. He's available 24/7 for emergencies, excluding holidays. Or vacations, but we'll know ahead of time. He will be set up when you call the Code Officer. It will go directly to his cell phone whatever you need. Part of his responsibilities, he has 24 hours to respond to a code complaint. This is how his job description and agreement is set up with us. He has 24 hours to respond to a code complaint, excluding holidays. He must respond back to the person who made the complaint with what's going on with the issue, If there's citations filed or if nothing's found. Whatever the case may be, if you don't submit it anonymously. Of course, if you've sent it anonymously, I'm gonna say there's no way to send it back to you. We will be working on him to bring it up a little bit so we can do things by email where the things that are a little bit more streamlined. Part of his recommendation, trial is he will obtain the permit officer's position. So we thank Jean Ann for her years, but that position will be added to his past. The agreement with us is for one calendar year. Then we can assess it from there without going into great detail. We have a pretty good description from him that we signed an agreement. If he does not fulfill his duties, then we'll be able to go back and save it. Okay, you're not doing your job. It's pretty black & white, you're right. He seems very, very eager to help us. He currently works at 7 other municipalities in school of county. One of which is fractal, which is locally. If

he's a younger guy who brings some good ideas. I won't speak for everyone but I was quite impressed with him. I think he will be a good fit. So that's our recommendation, if anyone from council has anything to add, then we need to hire him as of January 1st. **Charlie** – We need a motion to hire Nicholas Hanslen as the new code enforcement officer effectively January 1st and permanent officer effectively January 1st 2025.

Tammy Zangari made a motion, Seconded by Brian Dempsey. **Vote. All. Motion Carried.**

**18. Charlie-** Next is the Code Officer Aide. Michael again. We had multiple candidates interview. The one that stuck out the most with myself and the council was Janet Perez. She is a retired New York Police Officer who brings a lot of experience. She is by lingual, fluent in Spanish in different dialogues and in English. Her talents will be used for I'm sure for more than just code work. I feel she's going to be a good fit. If Council agrees, I'd like to appoint her Code Enforcement Officer Aid starting January 1st, it should be noted that if in fact we do tax on the skilled games that part of that responsibility would fall to her, which would upset the cost to that position, someone from the audience, asking a question.

Right? Our primary concern is Quality of Life citations. She'll follow the same policy that Nick will. So, if there's a complaint for Quality of Life it's the same response time all that will be uniformed. She'll work with Nick in that aspect. So we need a motion for that to appoint her for Code Enforcement Officer Aid effectively January 1st 2025. Motion made by Tammy Zangari, Seconded by David Willis. **Vote. All. Motion Carried.**

**David** — I just want to point out too, the Aid position is strictly an aid position, so we're not tying up the Code Enforcement Officer Nick Hanslen who has bigger fish to fry. There's houses falling down and everything like that. This is more for small things like overgrown grass, not that they're not a problem, but obviously they are a problem, but we should use the experienced person for the rest of the living in their hands and take on the bigger issues. Someone from the audience asked what is the salary on that? **David-** a grand a month. The person from the audience said what's that? **David** – a grand month. **Mayor** – said no David. **David-** Oh **Mayor** – The Code Enforcement Lady Position is 15 hours a week. No more than 30 a pay period and is \$15 an hour. That individual will be required to clock in and out like everyone else. Nick's is a contract. Just so the public is aware part of Nick's agreement is we have to get we're going to get a comprehensive report every month with a breakdown of those 25 hours were spent. So he has to provide us with pretty much documentation. So we're not going to deal with no reports that we don't know what's going on. That's over. They are also going to use Nick's experience to revamp on how we handle rental properties in this town. Because obvious it's an issue. So we are going to use his experience to see what we can do better and make sure inspections are taking place and everything like that.

**Charlie** – Okay, so it's \$15 an hour and no more than 30 hours pay period. Tammy Zangari made the motion, Seconded by David Willis. **Vote. All. Motion Carried.**

**19. Secretary/Treasurer** David can I do Secretary/Treasurer? **Charlie**– Yeah. **Arlen** – go ahead. **David**–So we met with several candidates for the secretary-treasurer position. None of our candidates had experience as municipal secretary. We do have a secretary candidate who is used to working with laws and regulations with her previous job history and we took that as a benefit. Other things can be taught, such as Quickbooks, Excel and everything like that. There's



courses all over the place and there are other options that we can explore for that, but it's my recommendation for the Council that we employ Harley Ingersoll. She's here from town for our Borough Secretary position, I think she's going to be a great fit. I think she has tons of computer experience. I think her experience in the field she worked in prior to this is going to be great for customer service. I think she'll be great for the constituents. I think it's going to be a great fit for all of us as well.

**Charlie** – you heard the motion by David Willis. Tammy Zangari seconded. **Vote. All. Motion Carried.** A female from the audience said David salary. **David** – Okay, so what we're going to do is Jo is going to stay here for 2 weeks. That's what the ideal plan is to train her. Jo will be receiving a 50 Cent raise at that time. During the 90 day probation period for a secretary the secretary will be receiving \$15 an hour for that probation period. That is, after that probation period. Oh I'm sorry \$15.50 after that probation period it goes up to **Michael**– It can **David** – it can go up depending on experience and how it's working out \$18. So that's the game plan. The better that Harley works with us. The more she's working. It's as simple as that with any of our jobs. Harley's actually in the room. She's right there in the yellow shirt, if you want to say hello, she's going to be a familiar face in here anyway.

**Charlie** – Okay, We need a motion. Tammy Zangari said I'll make the motion, Seconded by Brian Dempsey. **Vote. All. Motion Carried.** **Charlie** – On that note our current secretary/treasurer is retiring at the end of the month, but she's willing to stay on to assist Harley getting set up and if anything is needed she's a phone call away. **Charlie** – Said congratulations Harley. **Mayor** – 2 things tied with the secretary one is business hours at the Borough Hall will be altered slightly. The new schedule will be 7 AM to 3:30 PM with lunch from 12 PM to 12:30 PM where the office will be closed. So the public is aware and that be posted and become effective January 2nd. Also, I'm requesting from Council that we make a motion, if we need Josephine to fill in if Harley is off for a period for vacation or something that we can bring Josephine in per diem rate. That the rate she's making to fill in if she's available. That way, we can keep the office open when she's on vacation. **Charlie** – We need a motion then to hire Josephine on as a per diem as needed in the event that Harley is out of the office for vacation, sick, or whatever. **Arlen** – I want it as part of my recommendation that its more than one day that she's out. **Charlie**– Right

**Tammy** – Right

**Charlie** – More than one day.

Tammy made the motion, Seconded by Brian Dempsey. **Vote. All. Motion Carried.**

20. Street Departments Uniforms **David Willis** – When I came into Council, I was discussing with our Street Worker's. Our street workers have to wear reflective clothing. They're out on the street. It's just common safety practices. With that being said, they were paying for those reflected jackets out of their own pocket. They were getting a paycheck from us, and paying for their own reflective jackets that be required for them to work on the street. So part of the increase in budget is the fact that we are going to have to budget. What's \$60 a month? Jo 65. **David**–\$65 a month to make sure our workers are safe and it's just a liability issue, and there's no reason why they should be paying for that out of their own pocket. **Arlen** – you need a motion. **Charlie** – We need a motion supplying and paying for the Street Departments Uniforms. Tammy Zangari made the motion, Seconded by Brian Dempsey. **Vote. All. Motion Carried.**



part of his contract. So, if anybody has any issues or any questions you want to ask the Code Enforcement Officer you're more than welcome to. I'd love to see you guys here. Work Sessions are in the office and we're talking about moving them in here. That way, if anyone comes, there will be more space than we're not all cramped up in an office. That way, you guys come with pictures next round for the Code Enforcement Officer then come to the Work Session and you won't have to stand at the podium ( Mouse and Virginia laughing) **Mouse** – is that what you have to do? **Charlie** – That was set in stone. You have to stand at the podium.

**Charlie** – Then I'll make a motion to adjourn. Tammy Zangari made the motion, Seconded by Brian Dempsey. **Vote. All. Motion Carried.** **Charlie** – Everybody have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!! Audience, you too. **Tammy Zangari** –Thank you.

**Next Meeting Wednesday January 8th, 2025 at 7:30pm.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Josephine Heffner  
Secretary/Treasurer