

**KULPMONT BOROUGH
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
July 11, 2017**

Opening Prayer by Councilman Richard Zigarski
The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag by the body present,
Kulpmont Borough Council held the meeting for general purpose on
Tuesday, July 11, 2017

Roll call was taken and the following members were present: Mayor Varano, Stephen Motyka, George Malakoski, Walter Lutz, Nicholas P. Goretski, III., Mark Burns and Richard Zigarski.

ABSENT: Mayor Novakoski

APPOINTED OFFICIALS: Treasurer Paul A Niglio and Solicitor William C. Cole

PRESENT: Code Officer Russ Moroz, Police Chief Patrick McAndrew, Borough Secretary Rhonda Wilk and Borough Supervisor Bruce Graff.

OTHERS PRESENT: Brian Slavinski, Jeffrey Gilotti, Stephen Bielskie, Joe Pancerella, Barry Fetterman, Joe Meyer, Bob Fanella, Stephanie Niglio, Nick Bozza and Matt Lisowski.

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO BE HEARD ON ANYTHING THAT IS ON THE AGENDA:

No one spoke

PRESIDENTS REPORT - (Stephen Motyka)

Mr. Motyka as acting President stated that we need to nominate a Vice President until Mayor Novakoski returns and he returns to the position of Vice President and Mr. Varano to President.

Mr. Burns nominated Mr. Goretski as Vice President

MOTION- to close nominations was made by Mr. Zigarski

Mr. Lutz questioned why we are doing this. Mayor Varano replied that we need someone to sign checks until Mr. Novakoski returns. Mr. Lutz questioned if we know when he will return. Mayor Varano replied that he will return next month.

Mr. Motyka stated that Mr. Goretski will be acting Vice President.

Mr. Motyka stated that we received two bids for the 2017 paving project in the borough and proceeded to open the first bid received by Meckleys in the amount of \$90,618.00 and the second bid received was from New Enterprise Stone and Lime in the amount of \$97,264.92.

MOTION- Mr. Goretski made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Malakoski to accept the lowest bid for paving awarded to Meckleys.

Mr. Motyka stated that he is not sure himself and stated that we award on the quantity here and questions if we have to pave all of those streets, the full amount. Mr. Malakoski replied no and stated that you can break it down to what you want to do. Mr. Motyka said that some intersections are bad and asked Mr. Malakoski if we need a full alley and stated that if we need to break out a section to fix an intersection if that is a possibility. Mr. Malakoski replied yes. Mr. Motyka then questioned if we need a motion to approve this today.

Mr. Varano stated that there is a motion to accept the low bid. Mr. Motyka stated Penn Dot approved them when they did the walk through. Mr. Niglio added that is all part of the process, Penn Dot comes in and looks at the streets to be considered for paving and they approve them, the streets to be paved are then advertised for bid. The Solicitor stated that everything is in order with the bids received.

ROLL CALL VOTE – BURNS (yes), GORETSKI (yes), LUTZ (yes), MALAKOSKI (yes), MOTYKA (yes), ZIGARSKI (yes)
6 YEAS – 0 NAYS

Mr. Motyka stated the Mr. Ryan from the Mount Carmel School District stated that they would accept the furnishings, desks, file cabinets and other items from the 860 Spruce Street, Wilson Building and questioned council on if they are in favor of giving these items to the School District. Council agreed and discussed that they are running out of time and have no place to store any of these items.

MOTION- A motion was made by Mr. Burns and seconded by Mr. Goretski to let Mount Carmel School District have furnishings/contents from 860 Spruce Street.

VOICE VOTE –

Unanimous

MAYORS REPORT- (Bruno R. Varano)

Mayor Varano stated that we have had a lot of complaints about tickets and illegal parking. Mayor Varano stated that all he has to say is the if you break the laws in this town you are going to get a ticket or you get arrested. Mayor Varano stated that if you don't move your vehicle for the street sweeper, you will get a ticket. He added that we are going to run a blitz in the next couple of weeks. He added to obey the laws.

SECRETARY'S REPORT – (Rhonda Wilk)

Rhonda Wilk stated that approval is needed on the meeting minutes from the June 13th regular monthly meeting.

MOTION- Mr. Zigarski made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Goretski to approve the meeting minutes from the June 13, 2017 regular monthly meeting.

VOICE VOTE –

Unanimous

Rhonda Wilk stated that Correspondence was received from the Kulpmont 100 on a donation the Veterans Memorial Sports Complex dog park for four pet waste eliminator stations and a 10-gallon trash can with sign for violators. Rhonda Wilk stated that a letter was sent thanking the Kulpmont 100 on behalf of Borough Council.

Rhonda Wilk stated that additional correspondence was received and Copied to both Mayor and Council from the following;

PSAB Fall Leadership Conference will be held on October 13th through October 15th at Kalahari, Mount Pocono. Additional information will be coming soon on the conference.

PA Department of Transportation proposed project on SR 61 is planned to begin construction in 2023.

Mr. Motyka commented on that project and stated that it is to reconstruct the street from 5th Street to Dark Run, which is down where you would turn into Northwestern and so that is two miles or roadway.

A letter was received from the West End Fire Association accepting the transfer of the fire engine.

Am-Trust North America insurance renewal was copied to the finance committee and the Treasurer.

TREASURERS REPORT – (Paul A. Niglio)

Mr. Niglio stated that everyone received a copy of the financial statement and to pay the bills.

MOTION – Mr. Burns made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Zigarski to approve and pay the bills.

VOICE VOTE –

Unanimous

SOLICITORS REPORT – (William C. Cole)

Mr. Cole stated that last month we circulated last month a copy of the Ordinance 2017-3 which was a copy of the property maintenance code and stated that tonight we would be requesting a motion to advertise that ordinance. Mr. Cole stated that our code officer Mr. Moroz has reviewed this and is in favor of this and stated that he believes that the Ordinance committee is also in favor of this and so we would be requesting a motion to advertise.

MOTION- Mr. Goretski made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Lutz to advertise Ordinance 2017-3

VOICE VOTE –

Unanimous

POLICE CHIEFS REPORT – (Patrick McAndrew)

Report attachment #2.

FIRE CHIEFS REPORT – (Kevin O’Hearn)

Report attachment #3

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – (Kevin O’ Hearn)

No Report

BUILDING INSPECTOR’S REPORT – (TRI County COG)

No Report

CODE/HEALTH ENFORCEMENT OFFICER’S REPORT – (Russ Moroz)

Report Attachment #4

Mr. Motyka questioned if anyone has any questions for Mr. Moroz.

Mr. Lutz stated that they had conversation with Ann DiDonato and stated that she sent communication to Mr. Luzon and stated that he has not responded and so she will send another correspondence a little more sternly. He added that also speaking with Mr. Steve Matzura, Jr., has gone through the process now that if we want them to represent the borough, they can do it. Mr. Lutz stated that were advised to tread lightly being that it is private property. He stated that they suggested that we bring the EPA with us. Mr. Lutz stated that with it being private property we must tread lightly on putting up gates and cameras. Mr. Varano stated that can’t stop us from putting up gates on our property.

Mr. Lutz stated that he misunderstood and when he said about putting up gates he was told whoa because of it being private property. Mr. Motyka had some information on the gates to share and stated that it is about \$700.00 per gate, for 16’ gates. Mr. Lutz stated that he was told to keep the EPA involved with this and stated that they have an obligation to tell us if there is something that we should not do. Mr. Motyka stated that he will get the gate information to Mr. Lutz. Mr. Varano stated that it is a dangerous situation and kids are getting in there every day. He added that he does not like the fact of anyone getting in there adding that he does not even like to send our cops down there.

SERVICE AND FACILITIES – (George Malakoski)

Mr. Malakoski stated that food surplus distribution will be held this month on Thursday July 20, 2017 from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon.

Mr. Motyka stated that he has heard that the participants are dropping off and questions if there is something additional we could do to promote this. Council discussed and concluded that it is posted on the Borough’s website calendar on and it is also advertised in the noteworthy section of The News Item. Council discussed the possibility of posting that applications are available for 2017-2018 in the Borough office to help get the word out to those who may need assistance and qualify.

Mr. Malaksoki stated that the Street Sweeper is in need of repair will cost \$2,777.86. Council agreed it needs to be repaired.

MOTION – Mr. Malakoski made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Lutz to repair the Street Sweeper at a cost of \$2777.86.

VOICE VOTE –

Unanimous

Mr. Malakoski stated that he received estimates for a new backhoe. Mr. Malakoski stated that he received quotes from Stephenson Equipment Inc. and from Medico Industries. He stated that our backhoe is getting old and will need to be replaced. Mr. Motyka stated that Bruce is a mechanic by trade and stated that he may be able to answer any questions. Brian Slavinski from Medico Industries explained the quotes that he provided to the Borough and stated that they tried to match the quote up to the current set up that the Borough currently has. Matt Slavinsky of SEI discussed the quotes that he provided a quote to also match the current set up and explained the warranties. Council discussed and

Mr. Goretski stated that he feels that we need to buy something that we are sure is going to last. Mr. Lutz questioned if we need to bid this out. Mr. Malakoski stated that all the quotes would be under Costars or state pricing. Mr. Cole stated that he thinks that we would be under the Borough Code Section 1402 under the Borough Code where he stated that he thinks it is excluded if we are going through Costar. Mr. Cole asked if there were any other quotes besides the two. Mr. Lutz questioned if we need three. Mr. Cole replied if they are available.

Mr. Malakoski stated that in his experience with the Case Loader he would recommend that we purchase the New Case 580 Super 4WD Loader Backhoe at \$103,511.40. Mr. Motyka stated that there is a payment schedule attached.

Mr. Niglio stated that normally what we did in the past with highway fund purchases, we would do a lease purchase through the bank and stated that the highway fund will only allow us to pay up to \$17,000.00 per year on equipment.

Mr. Niglio stated that he recommended to Mr. Malakoski that we spend \$15,000.00 so that we are not right at the limit. Mr. Niglio stated that at \$15,000.00 over 5 years would be \$75,000.00 and he stated that he recommends that we pay the balance cash now.

Mr. Lutz questioned if there is an interest rate on this. Brian Slavinski from Medico replied that they provided a rate of 3.69% and the option of bi-annual or annual payments.

Mr. Motyka questioned the rate and asked if we could beat that rate through another lender. Mr. Niglio stated that we can check with other lenders on rates.

MOTION – Mr. Malakoski made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Goretski to purchase the loader from Medico at \$103,511.40.

ROLL CALL VOTE – BURNS (yes), GORETSKI (yes), LUTZ (no), MALAKOSKI (yes), MOTYKA (yes), ZIGARSKI (yes)

5 YEAS – 1 NAYS

FINANCE/PURCHASING/GRANTS - (Stephen Motyka)

No Report

CODE/HEALTH/SAFETY – (Nicholas P. Goretski)

No Report

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE – (Walter Lutz)

Mr. Lutz stated that Mr. Cole moved that one Ordinance forward and stated that there are two others they are working on. Mr. Lutz stated that they are working on the Nuisance Ordinance which would allow them to go onto private property and is primarily health based, mosquitoes and what not, and the second one will be to increase the fees on the contractors, the fine goes up to \$250.00 if you don't get a permit. Mr. Lutz stated that he will be putting three others in everybody's mailbox in about two weeks. Mr. Lutz stated that there are signs now posted coming into town.

Mr. Lutz stated that the third one is a situation that we have in town with unlicensed garbage haulers. Mr. Lutz stated that we want to get that in place so that Russ could go up to them and say "show me your license." Mr. Lutz stated there was recently two pickup trucks in town with trash piled up to the top of the pickup truck and it was not official like with Mr. Moser with all the information on the truck.

Mr. Varano commented that it happened just the other day a bag of garbage flew off a truck and just about hit his car and added that he could not get the license plate.

Mr. Lutz stated that these guys in the pickup trucks were like he and Bruno going around picking up trash and jokingly said "where is it going." Mr. Lutz stated that it is like the situation where they went and dumped the garbage off at the car wash up in strong.

Mr. Lutz stated that the big one is the Nuisance Ordinance. Mr. Lutz stated that five of the cars have been moved off the street and stated that it is a long deal but stated that the Nuisance Ordinance will allow for something to be done about these cars sitting on lots and not being worked on. Mr. Lutz stated that we got 5 of the 13.

Mr. Varano questioned if we could add onto the Ordinance where the contractors must register that the refuse haulers also have to and questions Mr. Cole on if we can do that. Mr. Cole replied that it is still the same process and we would have to amend the other ordinance and go through the whole thing anyway. Mr. Lutz stated that it would be a special Ordinance and specific to refuse haulers.

RECREATION – (Mark Burns)

Mr. Burns stated that there was an article in the newspaper that the West End is trying to raise money for a playground. Mr. Burns questioned Mr. Moroz on the Aqua permit cost adding that he thinks that the amount is somewhere around \$10,000.00. Mr. Moroz replied that it will be \$6,000.00 to \$10,000.00 and stated that so far nothing was done and nothing is set in stone yet. Mr. Moroz stated that they talked about not doing 14th Street and so far, nothing was done. Mr. Moroz stated that even if you take off 14th Street he thinks it will be around \$6,000.00. Mr. Moroz stated that they were doing 13th Street,

Scott Street, 14th and 15th Street. Mr. Varano stated that they were only talking about scrapping part of that.

Mr. Burns recommends that the excavation fees that we generate from Aqua, we would spend on recreation with \$3,000.00 donating to the West End playground and the remainder to be used for the Borough Playground.

MOTION- Mr. Burns made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Goretski to donate \$3,000.00 to the West End Playground fund and the remaining money left from the fees go to the borough playgrounds.

Mr. Motyka stated that he talked to Tommy Turlis and just so everyone is clear, there is a fund set up so that all of the money raised will be separate for the project. Mr. Motyka stated that he passed Mr. Wes Farringer's information to Tommy Turlis and he has been in contact with him. Wes is from DCNR and we worked with him on our project.

Mr. Motyka stated that he will ask Rhonda to print out the information from the grant we had, it was a \$60,000 total investment and it was a \$20,000.00 match on that grant and stated that he thinks that the other two thirds came from a DCNR grant and stated that we can print that up for him and so that we can pass it on to Tommy Turlis. Mr. Lutz added that anyone can contribute right now, there is a fund set up adding that they already have some money in there. Mr. Motyka stated that he also offered them to use of our tax-free number from the borough if need be and stated that he does not think anybody on council will argue with that. Mr. Motyka stated that he thinks that it is moving in the right direction.

ROLL CALL VOTE – BURNS (yes), GORETSKI (yes), LUTZ (yes), MALAKOSKI (yes), MOTYKA (yes), ZIGARSKI (yes)
6 YEAS – 0 NAYS

PERSONNEL – (Richard Zigarski)

Mr. Zigarski stated that we received three applications for the position of full time police officer, one from Mr. Litwhiler, Mr. Owens and Mr. Schlegel. Mr. Zigarski stated that after spending time looking over each application, just based off of Mr. Owens extensive background in law enforcement and his working with the Federal Task Force he stated that he makes the motion to accept and hire Mr. Owens.

MOTION- Mr. Zigarski made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Goretski to hire Mr. Owens as the third full time officer in Kulpmont Borough at \$17.00 per hour with benefits beginning on July 24th.

Mr. Motyka stated that we have a motion and a second to hire Mr. Owen's and asked if anyone has any questions with the hiring or process.

Mr. Goretski commented that was always a problem, they get on and then they are offered benefits someplace else and they are gone.

Mr. Varano stated that they have been in contact with him and he would like to come to Kulpmont.

Mr. Bielski stated that it was brought up last meeting about civil service and asked if it has to be or not.

The Borough Solicitor, William C. Cole replied that the Borough Code section on that is 1171 and stated that basically if you look at that code section what that indicates is the following

(Mr. Cole reading from the Borough Code section 1171);

“Appointments of Police and Fire Apparatus Operator. This subdivision shall not apply to any borough having a police force of less than three members or to those having three or more members if those members in excess of two are appointed on a temporary basis through a Federally funded program..... Mr. Cole stated that basically without reading the entire section, there is no appellate court case from Commonwealth Court or Supreme Court that states you must use civil service and based on the statutory construction act and just the way the statute was written here, clearly indicative of if there is less than three members.

Mr. Cole stated again..., the Borough could go through all of that and the Council could require whatever they want to require but by this code section..... Mr. Bielski stated that you said force less than three and asked if that means two. Mr. Cole replied having a force of less than three members adding that we have two members now, we will have three if this other individual is hired. Mr. Varano added that then to get the fourth we would have to, to get the third we don't. Mr. Motyka stated that as with all new employees he would like Mr. Zigarski to arrange for meet with the individual before next month's meeting.

ROLL CALL VOTE – BURNS (yes), GORETSKI (yes), LUTZ (yes), MALAKOSKI (yes), MOTYKA (yes), ZIGARSKI (yes)

6 YEAS – 0 NAYS

FIRE/EMA/POLICE COMMITTEE – (Varano, Zigarski and Burns)

Mr. Burns stated that the Committee would like to meet with the West End Fire Department about storing the Street Sweeper for the Winter. Mr. Lutz questioned when he would want to do it and stated that there is a meeting tomorrow and stated that he will bring it up. Mr. Burns replied any Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. Mr. Varano suggested why they don't go to the meeting tomorrow and then commented that he is a member.

Mr. Motyka questioned if we have a motion to finance the backhoe in the amount of \$75,000.00 for five years to be paid from the highway fund and the balance to be paid out of the general fund.

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Mr. Pancerella 700 Pine Street stated that he did not hear what the estimates were on the backhoe. A member of Council stated that one was \$103,511.40 the other was \$85,576.00 and \$74,576.00. Mr. Pancerella commented that council choose to purchase the one that was \$103,511.40.

Mr. Motyka stated that while we are on that subject he would like council to authorize financing for the backhoe in the amount of \$75,000.00 for five years to be paid from the highway fund and the balance to be paid out of the general fund, \$28,511.40. Mr. Niglio stated that amount may be more we need to have to run the payment schedule. Mr. Motyka questioned Mr. Niglio if we can call around and check on interest rates. Mr. Niglio replied yes.

Mr. Niglio stated that on the financing for the backhoe, we will check with the bank on the financing for better rates. Mr. Niglio stated that we will need a motion to approve financing.

MOTION- Mr. Zigarski made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Goretski to approve financing of \$75,000.00 for the purchase of the backhoe to be paid over five years from the highway fund

VOICE VOTE-

5 YEAS – 1 NAY, Mr. Lutz

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Motyka stated that the ten benches were picked up for the bench project and money remains for plaques acknowledging the donors of the project and stated that he will work with the Kulpmont 100 on a potential grant for trash cans.

Mr. Motyka stated that there were questions he heard of the bridge project of Mount Carmel Township questioning if it is on their property. Mr. Motyka questioned Mr. Cole if he can elaborate on what their lease agreement is on the Ramp Field with the Township and added that he does not think the location is in Mount Carmel Township.

Mr. Bielski replied “yes, it is,” adding that the whole thing is in Mount Carmel Township and the he looked yesterday on GIS. Mr. Niglio stated that the creek is in Kulpmont Borough. Mr. Motyka stated that he has a tax map right here and it looks like it is not, adding that it is up in the air.

Mr. Motyka questioned Mr. Cole on if there is a process to annex that to the Borough. Mr. Motyka stated that in the fall he is going to apply for a grant for a toilet facility down there and questioned if Mount Carmel Township is going to charge us a building fee on our own property and asks if there is a way to annex that or is that what we have to do. Mr. Cole replied that the only way legally to annex property is to take it by eminent domain, so not looking at the original agreement he stated that he does not know if there was ever anything done on that originally. Mr. Motyka stated that as part of the Bureau of Mine Reclamation project it was donated 10 acres from Susquehanna Coal Company to the Kulpmont Borough to do this, and stated but your saying eminent domain but said that we are just trying to change boundaries.

Mr. Cole asked Mr. Motyka what the original deed says. Mr. Motyka replied that he does not know and stated that he has never seen it. Mr. Cole replied that we would need to do a title check and get the original documentation and the deed and see if it was transferred adding that he does not know what year it was. Mr. Cole stated that would be the first place to look and then that would eliminate any situations like this. Mr. Motyka stated that he believes that it was in 1981.

Mr. Lutz stated that if the property is deeded to the Borough then it would be like we own a lot in the township and questioned how long eminent domain would take. Mr. Cole replied that it is very extensive and it is not going to be quick and we would not even do that unless we did know because we would have no reason to do that because if the property is already deeded to the Borough but is in the township, then their ordinances would apply. Mr. Motyka questioned if there is no way then to annex and change the borough boundaries. Mr. Cole stated that annex is a very complicated process. Mr. Motyka stated that for a \$10,000.00 restroom facility you are probably talking only 1% and so you’re probably better off paying. Mr. Cole replied absolutely. Mr. Lutz asked if we have as structure down if

we would have to get the Township's approval. Mr. Motyka commented that it is on our property and so it would be just like us building a house on our lot in Den-Mar Gardens. Mr. Motyka stated that our engineers are stamping the drawings for the bridge. Mr. Bielski asked who would be liable for that and if it would be open to the public "so why would they start now." Mr. Bielski replied back that they will not charge a fee but don't they have to look at it though and added that he would rather be safe than sorry, get their blessing.

Mr. Varano stated that it was mentioned at the last meeting that we have to get this and that. Mr. Varano stated that we put that field down there and did all of the renovations and they never came down and looked at it adding that they know it is there. Mr. Varano stated that the only way that they are going to come down and give us a hard time is if you people ask them to.

Mr. Motyka stated that we finalized and approved at the last meeting up to \$2500.00 for the mailings, \$1500.00 for the newsletters, the amount under the recycling portion was 1850.00 and \$623.00 for the postcards and with the postage we are under the amount approved at the last meeting for the mailing. Mr. Motyka stated that the insert for UGI and that mailing will be going out hopefully by Wednesday and stated that there are stamped post cards and asked for everyone to emphasize to their neighbors to fill them out and return them, it is very important to our borough for residents to show their interest in having UGI bring gas to Kulpmont.

Mr. Motyka stated that this all started when our Representatives contacted us and said that UGI was bringing gas to Kulpmont and then since then we have not heard anything and they are saying they have second thoughts on it. Mr. Motyka stated that in order to change their mind or convince them we are putting these post cards out there.

Mr. Motyka stated that he would like to make sure the post cards are returned and stated that he received some prices from the news item on an ad to remind residents to return the post cards. Mr. Motyka questioned Council on if they fee that it is worthwhile to run an ad. He stated that the prices were for 2 column ads at \$50.00 per day, \$350.00 for the week or a \$25.00 per day ad for \$175.00 for the week. Mr. Motyka stated that he would think the ad.

Mr. Motyka stated that about two years ago, we had a well-attended public meeting with a representative from UGI and a "Get Gas" presentation, nothing came of it, it's not working and so we are trying this route to show interest. Mr. Goretski stated that he does not understand why we would run an ad and they would charge us for it, it's a public announcement. Mr. Motyka stated that The News Item is going to run a story on it and he is asking if we still want to emphasize to our neighbors the importance of returning the post cards. Mr. Burns commented that he says yes, and suggested that we run it Thursday through Sunday.

Mr. Pancerella questioned Mr. Motyka if he wants to use taxpayer money to promote a private business. Mr. Motyka replied that is correct and added that on average this will save each resident of Kulpmont \$1,000.00. Mr. Pancerella questions if that is not UGI's decision to promote that and asked why you would spend taxpayer money to promote a private industry.

Mr. Motyka stated that it is a financial benefit to the residents and if a thousand households would sign up for gas it would put over a million dollars per year in the pockets of the taxpayers. Mr. Pancerella stated that it is UGI's responsibility to sell it and they should be paying to put the advertisement in. Mr. Varano commented that they do not care less and added that they will go to another community and

stated that they don't care. Mr. Bielski stated that UGI will put the mains in and then you pay from the main to your house and stated that Barry Roseman worked for UGI and he paid over \$6,000.00 for him to have service to his house, and so it is not a walk in the park, people are going to pay and you must buy new appliances. Mr. Motyka stated that we went down this road with our Congressman and Representatives and UGI promised to bring gas to this Borough and now they are renegeing on that promise. Mr. Motyka stated that as a resident he would love access to gas. Mr. Bielski stated that what everyone needs to know is you have to pay for new appliances and boilers, they need to know. Mr. Motyka stated that there are rebates available on UGI for boilers. Mr. Motyka stated that it's a \$5.00 switch on newer appliances for different orifices and that's it. Mr. Motyka stated that recycling grant information was being sent out and so that's why we decided to include this postcard insert to be sent out.

MOTION- Mr. Burns made a motion and was seconded by Mr. Malakoski to spend \$200.00 on advertisement to encourage residents to return post cards with interest of UGI putting in gas lines.

Mr. Motyka asked if there are any other questions other than what was discussed.

Mr. Goretski stated that his concern is that are we legally doing this in the right way, spending tax dollars on advertising for UGI, that is what he is worried about. Mr. Varano replied that you are asking the people to fill out a survey. Mr. Goretski replied that your still bringing business. Mr. Varano stated that when you go to get a grant, you can't get a grant unless you do a survey. Mr. Goretski replied that a grant is a little different. Mr. Varano replied that it is the same difference here. Mr. Goretski stated that he is just saying so that we are not in a legal bind here. The Solicitor, William C. Cole stated that it is probably doable but we would just need to bring out those justifications if need be regarding the things that Mr. Motyka talked about and as Mr. Varano stated it is not as if it is directly being spent with this particular company and added that it is a request to complete a survey that was mailed to the people with borough information.

ROLL CALL VOTE – BURNS (yes), GORETSKI (yes), LUTZ (no), MALAKOSKI (yes), MOTYKA (yes), ZIGARSKI (yes)
5 YEAS – 1 NAYS

Mr. Motyka stated that the 6th Street project is scheduled to begin within the next three weeks. He stated that they agreed that the inlets will be manufactured and stated that it was recommended last time that the engineer was here by council that we pay them for oversight. Mr. Motyka stated that we have never seen a proposal and stated that was his biggest question today. The project is anticipated to be done in four days. Mr. Motyka stated that it was on the fee sheet for \$75.00 and stated that there may be charges that will be seen and stated that he just wants to make sure that there are no objections.

Mr. Bozza questioned if Penn Dot should do the inspections or pick up the expense and added that it is there right of way and stated that he is sure that it has to be done by Penn Dot specs. Mr. Varano replied that they were not responsible for the whole project. Mr. Motyka stated that he agrees that the whole project should have been paid for by them in his opinion. Mr. Varano agreed and stated that they washed their hands of the whole project and stated that the whole project should have been paid for by them adding that they put it in. Mr. Motyka stated that he just wanted to make sure that everyone agrees before we get a bill for \$600.00 for eight inspections on that project. Mr. Motyka stated that is all that he has if everyone agrees and has no objections.

Mr. Varano questioned where we are with that roof to be put on the maintenance building. Russ Moroz stated that everything is ready to go.

NEW BUSINESS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT THE CALL OF THE CHAIR

**RHONDA WILK
BOROUGH SECRETARY**

DATE OF APPROVAL