

KULPMONT BOROUGH
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 8, 2014

Opening Prayer by Councilman Nicholas Bozza
The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag by body present. Kulpmont Borough Council held its regular monthly meeting Tuesday July 8, 2014.

Bruno R. Varano, Council President asks everyone to remain standing for a moment of silence for our departed native, Jazz Diminick.

Roll call was taken and the following members were present: Mayor Novakoski, Nicholas Bozza, Clarence H. Deitrick, Stephanie Niglio, Philip Scicchitano, Bruno R. Varano and Stephen Motyka.

Mrs. Niglio states that we are going to have to shut the door. Mr. Varano states that if we have almost everyone in we are going to have to shut the door, it is going to get blazing hot in here and we can only fit so many. Mrs. Niglio agrees and states that they will have to sign in out there and that we have to shut the door.

ABSENT: Joseph A. Winhofer

APPOINTED POSITIONS: Treasurer Paul A. Niglio, Jr. and Solicitor William C. Cole

PRESENT: Code Official Russ Moroz, Borough Supervisor Bruce Graff, Police Chief Michael Pitcavage, Borough Secretary Rhonda Wilk, Fire Chief Jeff Gilotti and Assistant Fire Chief Ray Siko.

OTHERS PRESENT: Myron Turlis, Ed Wojak, Cynthia and Vince Washilewski, John Burns, Dolores Wojtbulerg, Elizabeth Madara, Betty Procopio, Beverly Fallat, Ann Lazarski, Thomas Lazarski, Francis Rakowski, Lori Chesney, Ann Fariello, Joe Sheganoski, Joe Meyer, Bob Chesney, Jan Nestico, Joanie Kase, C. Chesney, Roasanne Meyer, Herb Zensen, Brent Taggart, Bernie Nestico, Dennis Lentini, Scott A. Benedict, Donna Snyder, Daryl Troup, Bob Daniels, Tom Balanda, Rita Buggy, Robert Kaminsky, Raymond Orloskie, Peter Lentini, Kathy Allen, Walter Lutz, Kathy Taylor, Karen Thrise, Robert Hunter, RW Javelle, Frank Pecatis, Joe Pancerella, Adolph Blugis, Mike Bressi and Mike Benedetto, Robert Daniels.

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

Mr. Varano states that anyone that would like to speak to please come up to the microphone and state your name and address and a brief synopsis of why you are here and states that you will have three minutes to speak.

Joe Meyer of 810 Spruce Street, Kulpmont states that there was a citizen's taxpayer meeting that was held last night up at the Legion, there was quite a large attendance and this is the result of that meeting.

Mr. Meyer states that the meeting was ran by Mr. Chesney and that Mr. Lutz conducted the meeting and states that we all know they have been carrying the torch to try and stop this new building and to look at some alternatives and different sites to bring the price down.

Mr. Meyer states that he has 85 signatures from attendance and people were not required to sign it and states that at the end of the meeting all of these people were in unison that we could present these names and say that all of these people are against the new building. He states that they do not have all of the answers only suggestions but that they would like the project to be stopped and look at some alternatives and states that many people believe that this could be cheaper and that it is a very bad location.

Mr. Varano asks if they have any suggestions or other alternative sites at a price that is going to come in better than what they anticipate the new building to come in.

Mr. Meyer states that he can give a couple suggestions on some that were given last night and states that one of them was to tear this building down and to put a reasonably priced building on this property.

Mr. Varano states that he will counter him right there and states that we have no access to gas up here and states that he does not think we would have enough room to put geo-thermal in and we definitely do not have gas so we would be stuck with oil again and your heating bills would be way up, and comments that they are killing us now.

Mr. Meyer states that there will be heating bills in the new building also.

Mr. Varano agrees and states that we would have geo-thermal with a gas backup and it would cost us about \$3,500.00 a year where it's costing us \$35,000.00 in this place.

Mr. Meyer states that those numbers have probably been disputed also.

Mr. Varano states we have documentation.

Mr. Meyer states another suggestion was that if we really need a building and questions if we could use different organizations in town and have a meeting somewhere else, and asks the question if we have to have a borough hall.

Mrs. Niglio questions Mr. Meyer on where we should put the police.

Mr. Meyer states that is what they want to talk about and states that all of these people want to stop this and states that these two guys have been carrying the torch for a lot of people in town.

Mr. Varano states that they have been coming here for a year now and states that they have not given us a solid alternative and the building is getting worse and worse.

Mr. Meyer replied that one of the reasons were that there are just two guys showing up all of the time and these people want to come and show that they support these gentleman and what they are trying to do.

Mr. Meyer states that he is just presenting that the amount of people at the meeting a minimum of 85 and there were actually more than that at the meeting and states that he is sure that these people are going to have something to say.

Mr. Varano asks if council could have the petition and states that they will take it under advisement.

Mr. Chesney of 929 Pine Street states that it is only a list of names, an attendance sheet as the meeting went on just to show that people were at the meeting just so that if any rumors would be told throughout the community, that was it.

Mr. Chesney states that as far as giving specific locations at this time, this is what we were trying to do guys and gal for a year and a half now; we were trying to have a meeting.

Mr. Chesney states just as his editorial said the other day; you keep saying “we had a meeting.” He states that council did, it was scheduled in July and held in August and one meeting two years ago is just not enough for a million dollar project.

Mr. Chesney states as you said, we have been coming here for over a year and asking for another meeting to discuss and in the long run it may turn out that that alternative is the best, but we do have other sides and other ideas and that is why we keep asking for another meeting.

Mr. Chesney states that last night it was a taxpayers meeting a citizens meeting and looking down the signatures not one of you on council were there, Mayor, Solicitor or Council People.

Mr. Chesney states that has set up the walls that it is us against you and in a town the size of Kulpmont it should not be us against you, it should be lets work together on this project and that’s why we have been asking for a year and a half for a meeting and that is why we decided before this meeting we were going to have a meeting and see how many people do show up and quite a few did in lieu of other things that were going on in the area, they still came and are asking for another meeting and to stop all spending right now, stop everything and have a meeting and see what is going on and what can be done besides whatever that total is going to be.

Mr. Chesney states that after all of this time you don't know and they don't know what the cost will be yet and after all of this time we still do not know anything about it.

Mr. Chesney states that is why we are saying lets research other ideas.

Mr. Chesney states that he went out and spoke to the person that ripped down Saint Mary's and asks council if any of them, know what it would cost to rip this building down and asks if any of council checked what it would cost.

Mr. Varano replied that it probably would cost about \$100,000.00 to rip this building down.

Mr. Chesney states that is correct about \$100,000.00 to \$120,000.00 to rip this down and then you put on a smaller size building that is going to accommodate a borough office and a room not much bigger than this and that's all you need not even half the size of this building and then you would have room to put in the senior citizens and the PAL but not this length, you would have room on the east side to put up a pole barn to put the equipment in and everything could be right here on this side and states that is just one suggestion. He states that he will sit down now and because others may say something, but we do have ideas and we have been asking for a year and a half to have another meeting, we had a meeting, a meeting on a million dollar deal.

Mr. Varano replied that he knows that he has told him this for probably the third or fourth time; you keep coming here and telling council the same thing but are offering no suggestions.

Mr. Chesney states that they want a meeting that is the suggestion, let's have a meeting.

Mr. Varano replied you have a meeting here right now; every public meeting is a meeting.

Mr. Bozza asks Mr. Chesney to give council ideas and states that all of the council members are here and asks Mr. Chesney to give some ideas.

Mr. Varano states that he came on board in May of 2013 according to the minutes.

Mr. Chesney states that he has been here before for different items.

Mr. Varano states you were not here for the building.

Mr. Chesney replied no, 2013 that was the first time you announced that the loan was out.

Mr. Varano states that Walter Lutz has been here since 2012 and asks Mr. Lutz if that is correct.

Mr. Lutz replied that it seems to be much longer.

Mr. Chesney states that the Bressi building across from Mother Pauline, I am sure for the right price could be had, there are vacant lots behind the bank, and there are vacant lots on Chestnut Street down by the old Mill, Mr. Dallazia is in the market of possibly selling his location and that is right on the main street.

Mr. Bozza states that he spoke to Mr. Dallazia and he told him what he wants for it and asks Mr. Chesney if he told him a price.

Mr. Chesney states that he did not.

Mr. Varano questions Mr. Chesney why they would want to buy property when the borough owns a property and states that borough owns a block and a half down there. Mr. Chesney questions what has to be done to that block and a half to get it ready to build on that is the question.

Mr. Varano replied not much more than any other lots, if you build you have to take care of the rain water. Mr. Chesney states on a pre-existing building you won't like the Ann Jocum house is now available.

Mr. Varano states that you would have to completely gut and remodel. Mr. Chesney questions what it will cost compared to what the building would be. Mr. Varano states that you still need to bring it up to L & I code. Mr. Chesney states that it is, they just moved out a few months ago. Mr. Varano states that they would not have moved out if it was feasible.

Mr. Chesney states that they have fire doors, ramps and that is just one and states that there are many and if we wanted to sit here and go through all of that he would have brought the paperwork but they are all here specifically to ask for a meeting on that topic because you have other things on the agenda that must be covered and other people have issues that they would like to bring up.

Mr. Chesney states those are just some solutions and some of the vacant lots available may not be in such need as that.

Mr. Chesney states that buying it, right it is going to cost something. He states that now you are telling him the last three meetings that it is not going to cost \$300,000.00 to prep the land and that is great, originally it was \$340,000.00 to prep the land and that is when it was two stories elevator and whatever, now that is gone so maybe it is not going to be \$300,000.00 to prep the land, but we don't know those cost or have not been told them cost and the only cost that they can figure out is when they go and look at records downstairs to see and right now there is \$124,000.00 spent on architectural fees and engineering fees. Mr. Varano states that he has \$111,000.00.

Mr. Chesney commented to Mr. Varano that maybe he forgot to carry a two to the next column. Mr. Varano said no, you are talking math with a math..... Mr. Chesney

replied I know, but I am just saying that is \$124,000.00 plus and that is not counting any lawyer fees that is only architectural fees and engineering so far up to this date.

Mayor Novakoski states that he would like to get something straight and states that he was never invited to that meeting. Mr. Chesney states that for three days it was in the paper. Mayor Novakoski replied that he does not read the paper. Mr. Chesney replied then what can he do, that is another problem we have. The audience laughed out loud, Mr. Varano called for order.

Mr. Robert Slaby, 1421 Poplar Street states that up until last night he attended no meetings and states that he decided last night to take himself to the meeting to hear the side of the public.

Mr. Slaby states that he has been seeing borough council's side in the paper.

Mr. Slaby addresses Mr. Varano and states that they have know each other since they have been little kids and states that he served here for twelve years and states the fact that Mr. Varano served here longer than he has. He states that they have had up's and downs and wants to ask him as the President of Kulpmont Borough Council to please give these people that meeting. Mr. Slaby asks for Mr. Varano to arrange it with the priest of Holy Angels Church to use possibly the hall.

Mr. Slaby states that there is more opposition to this then you recall the meetings that we had downstairs in regards to the crematorium and states that he was flabbergasted when he walked in the building last night and saw so many people.

Mr. Slaby asked Mr. Varano as Council President to give them the opportunity and have the public meeting in a sufficient space here in town.

Mr. Varano states that he would like to respond that we have had so many public meetings and Bob would show up, Walter would show up, Mr. Blugis and one or two people. Mr. Varano asks where were you people the last two, three years and asks again, where were you, seriously.

Mrs. Niglio adds that we spent \$100,000.00 and asks what we do about that, throw it down the drain.

Mr. Slaby states that it is never too late and states that as the council former Mayor, he states that he would say yes and states come on he is 62 years old and he went to school here in kindergarten.

Mr. Slaby states that he recalls when we wanted to remodel this building and make it nice for the public some of the opposition and states that he even made the comment that what they should do is bring in a tanker of lacquer in and spray the entire building because it was so old and ancient.

Mr. Slaby states that it was deplorable to the people of Kulpmont the conditions we were having meeting in and states that on a night like tonight your pants and shirts would stick to the seat.

Mr. Slaby states that we made it look nice and states that he would be the first one to say that the building is in disrepair but asks for Council to give the people a meeting. Mr. Varano comments, structurally inoperable and thanks Mr. Slaby for his comments.

Mr. Walter Lutz states that what he would like to talk about is economics.

Mr. Lutz directed a statement to Mayor Novakoski and asks him what he's got and asks if he would like to talk about it or not, Mr. Lutz states if you don't want to talk about it then he will not. Mayor Novakoski states that the economics of this building, this building is.....Mr. Lutz interjects and replied not the economics of this building, the economics of the new building.

Mr. Novakoski asks what about the economics of the new building.

Mr. Lutz replied that he will put something in the paper and then we will get you a subscription to the paper.

Mayor Novakoski states that he does not need any editorials.

Mr. Lutz comments to let him talk and then we will deal with it and your comments.

Mr. Lutz states that Mr. Motyka was good enough to put an article in the paper and say ok, we have a \$30,000.00 heating bill, the building is falling apart and we have all of these maintenance costs, we need a new phone system and there were a couple of other things and the fact of the matter is that when you move out of this building those costs go away and states that they are not just exclusive to that new building.

Mr. Lutz states that when you do the economic analysis and that he would even challenge the Mayor..... that he probably knows a little bit more about economics then he does and states that the fact of the matter is that goes out of the analysis, so what happens now is that the building now is that building now you are saying is \$36000.00 a year in payments.

Mr. Lutz states that if you go ahead and get a building now and rent it and the payments are \$1000.00 a month for 12 months, \$12,000.00 that is a delta of \$24,000.00, on a yearly basis. Mr. Varano asks where we are going to find a building for \$1,000.00 a month.

Mr. Lutz replied "listen here; let me go through the economics of it.

Mr. Varano replied that he is using insane numbers and asks where you are going to get a building for \$1,000.00 a month.

Mr. Lutz relied that he is not, that he is not using insane numbers because, the fact of the matter the heating savings and what not and that goes away when you move out of this building through the analysis.

Mr. Lutz said say its \$2,000.00 a month, \$24,000.00 a year then you have a difference of \$12,000.00 over a 40 year period and states that he is not sure, except the Mayor he would understand what the present value of annuity is.

Mr. Lutz states that equates to \$280,000.00 in today's dollars.

Mr. Lutz comments for Council to go ahead and challenge him, any one of you.

Mr. Deitrick questions Mr. Lutz on where he will get a building in this borough to rent, retrofitted for what we need.

Mr. Lutz replied, who knows... who knows because in the application you said Koldash's building was for sale, \$270,000.00.

Mr. Lutz states that Mrs. Niglio was asking him last time to find them a fire truck and states there is your fire truck Mrs. Niglio.

Mr. Lutz comments go ahead and dispute those numbers, go ahead. Mr. Deitrick again asks where you are going to find a building.

Mr. Lutz replied "who knows."

Mr. Varano asks what kind of an answer is that.

Mr. Bozza directed Mr. Lutz to find it.

Mr. Deitrick states that he is challenging Mr. Lutz to find a building. Mr. Lutz replied, alright and then asks are you going to stop, are you going to stop, or do we have to get.... are you going to stop, or..... Mr. Deitrick asks "or what?"

Mr. Lutz replied or do we have to keep coming up here and doing all of this.

Mr. Lutz then commented, what about that Mr. Deitrick?

Mr. Lutz questions Mr. Deitrick if he gets it, that notion of present value, \$270,000.00 for a new fire truck.

Mr. Deitrick questions Mr. Lutz on where are we going to find a building to realize that money. Mr. Lutz replied in his garage. Mrs. Niglio replied good answer and then comments, let's move on, please this is ridiculous.

Mr. Lutz replied there is your fire truck Mrs. Niglio. Mrs. Niglio responded by saying that is not where her fire truck is. Mr. Lutz states yes it is. Mrs. Niglio answered no it isn't.

Mr. Varano states that he wants to interrupt and forewarn everybody that there is a tornado warning for Kulpmont and asks Mrs. Niglio what they are reporting.

Mrs. Niglio reads the warning: Tornado Warning, serious for Kulpmont-stay away from the windows and go to lower level, 70 mph winds –trees are down in Norry.

Mr. Varano questions if we have anyone else, if not we will continue with Borough business.

Mr. Varano states we will move onto elected official's reports.

A woman stands up and states that she has an issue to speak on; it does not concern the building.

Mr. Varano replied that if it is not on the agenda she will have to wait until the end of the meeting. She replied it is under ordinances and on the agenda it states no report.

Mr. Varano states if it is not on the agenda she has to wait for the end of the meeting and states that he is sorry but that is the way it is.

She replied that is crap because she has been told that this ordinance is being worked on. A man in the audience states Mr. President.....Mr. Varano interjects and states he is sorry but we have already moved on.

Mr. Robert Daniels stood up and shouted "WHAT YOU HAVE TO DO IS TO THINK ABOUT IS PRIORITIES, ROADS, POLICE PROTECTION AND THINGS LIKE THAT, THOSE ARE PRIORITIES, WE COULD STAY IN THIS BUILDING FOR A LONG TIME AND THAT IS WHY WE ARE HERE, SO START TO LISTEN TO US FOR CHRIST SAKES."

Mr. Varano questions the fact that we could stay in this building for a long time.

Mr. Daniels shouts back again and shouts, "I AM TELLING YOU TO LISTEN TO US."

Mr. Varano replied that he does not know what he is talking about. Mr. Daniels shouts back "SHUT UP!"

Mr. Varano replied, really.

Mr. Daniels shouted back "YES SHUT UP, BECAUSE I AM TALKING THAT IS WHY."

Mr. Varano states that he is not talking anymore.

Mr. Daniels shouts back “WELL YOU ARE NOT LISTENING EITHER and shouts for Mr. Varano to listen to these people they are trying to tell you something that makes some sense.

Kathy Taylor of 1548 Scott Street and states that they were questioned why they were not here, she states why is because of this arrogance.... Looking at everything anyone tries to suggest you keep saying no you don't suggest anything and states that we are suggesting. Kathy Taylor states that they do not come because they don't know about it and now they are reading about this in the paper and now we are following this and we read about it and see how arrogant it is that you all do not care anything that anybody has to say, we are standing behind them.

Kathy Taylor asks where you are getting this money with the people in this town; there are not that many people in this town and many senior citizens.

Kathy Taylor asks what the taxes are going up. Everyone last night was saying 24% and states here is mine, its 35% that is what they went up for real estate.

Mr. Varano asks if she checked what her taxes were from last year and check what your county taxes were last year and asks how much did they go up out of that 35% that you are talking about. Kathy Taylor states 35%.

Mr. Niglio states they did not go up 35%.

Kathy Taylor states that she is shaking just to come up here and talk, she states that she is very nervous.

Mr. Varano directed her to calm down and states that she should not be nervous.

Kathy Taylor states that she is nervous because looking around she sees people and they are texting and just totally ignoring and it seems that you just do not want to be bothered.

Mrs. Niglio states that Council is watching the weather and states that she does have to make an announcement and states that she has been informed by the police that if we hear them yell, there is no question, everyone is to get to the basement immediately.

Kathy Taylor states that she is trying to calm down, but every month looking at the paper and seeing what is being discussed and these men trying to get you people to listen. She states that they are all afraid to come and talk and states that not everyone wants this, a few people.

Kathy Taylor states to put it to a vote and get a meeting and see what else we could do, they are giving you ideas and you are not doing it and you are not even telling us what the money is.

Kathy Taylor states that what got them going was the 1.4 million and asks where are we going to get that, you are going to bankrupt this city, we do not have cops and we do not have roads, we are worrying about stupid things in the middle of the road, yes they are nice to have but there are more important things.

Mrs. Niglio replied that they did not cost anything.

Kathy Taylor thanks Mrs. Niglio for her reply but comments that she wonders about that. She asks what is more important, those stupid signs in the middle of the street that you have to worry about hitting or this building she states that she could just cry thinking about what you all are doing, in a couple years we are going to be Shamokin.

Mr. Varano states that they did not ask for this and states that he does not want his taxes raised either.

Kathy Taylor states you keep saying you are not giving us ideas and states that she is seeing it all of the time in the paper.

Mr. Varano asks if she realizes that we have checked this all out and asks for some fresh suggestions.

Kathy Taylor states that she does not understand with that Clauser's building, that would be enough to build a pole barn and everything and they just put offices in there.

Mr. Varano states that you would still have to provide for rain water retention because you are putting up a new building.

Kathy Taylor asks a new building or a pole barn.

Mr. Varano states that he does not care if it is a pole barn, as long as it has a roof that means you are going to get rain water run off and you have to put rainwater retention and states that he did not make up that law.

Mr. Chesney states if you put a garage up on your property you do not have to put up a retention pond to collect the water coming off of your garage roof.

Mr. Varano asks what he thinks that they are doing down there and asks Mr. Chesney why he thinks that they have to put this retention in.

Mr. Chesney replied that because it is on a swamp.

Mr. Bozza comments no.

Mr. Varano states that Mr. Chesney's comment is wrong and states that it is not on a swamp and states that is one of the only streets that has storm water collection.

Mr. Chesney states that he knows what he is saying, but if he puts another pole barn up here in town on this ground are you saying you have to put a pond in and states that he does not think so.

Mr. Varano states that it is not a pond it is retention, it is underground or above ground.

Mr. Chesney replied whatever term this is stuff we need to know. He states that as he said in his editorial, thank you very much.

Mrs. Niglio states that we tell you and you still tell the people a different story and states that we have told you these three, four meetings in a row.

Mr. Chesney states that it is the same thing over and over and all that is getting done is more accumulation of bills.

Mr. Chesney states that Mr. Motyka was gracious to put something in the paper and states that the drawing that he put in though if he were back in college in his botany course he states that he would have loved that because it was telling him everything about the plants and trees and two squares that had 4250 and 5000 inside a square.

Mr. Chesney states that there was nothing on there, and maybe the new one is going to come out that shows you the room divisions and everything else. He states that the sketch in the paper was no more than a 4th grade sketch that is all that was.

Mr. Chesney states that it talked more about trees and plants and states that when he brought that up four months ago he was chastised because everybody said there were no trees and plants and the whole picture was trees and plants and two little square blocks as far as the building was concerned.

Mr. Motyka states that was the site drawing and the same building layout as the plan downstairs, the article in the paper said about unused space and it is cheaper to build a square building than it is to build an offset in a building and that is why we went with unused space, it is there.

Mr. Motyka states that the idea that this building is not going to pay for itself and asks where was everyone ten years ago and states that he was outraged to see the heating bill so high and states that the people should have come forth to see that bill or look at the budget every year and admits that he himself never did.

Mr. Chesney states that as Mr. Motyka stated in the article and at least like he said, someone is actually giving out information on this and states that there were very few financial things that we see ever and states that he has been saying this for two years now, why cant we see financial statements. Mr. Chesney states that he would like to see the project stop, re-evaluate and look at it and come up with some practical ideas and to show the plans.

TAPE MALFUNCTION

Mr. Pete Lentini of 623 Spruce Street speaks on the outside deteriorated condition of the building and questions if the removal of the top level would be a solution. Mr. Lentini also questions if having the gas line ran to the current building would be an option and what that cost would be.

Betty Procopio of Chestnut Street asks about the Fracalossi Building and states that there is an empty lot in the back and it seems like a nice building. Betty Procopio asks Mr. Varano to listen to her and feels that they are looked down on, like they are lower people. Betty Procopio states that she worries on safety and feels like no one listens. Betty Procopio states that safety is an issue and she worries about her sons safety and hearing we need \$60,000.00 for roads.

Raymond Orloski of 1323 Chestnut Street in Kulpmont asks why council is unwilling to meet with the general public and states that at a cost of 1.2 million, why it appears they are unwilling to meet. Raymond Orloski asks that Council call a meeting anyplace that is large enough and ask what the citizens want. He states that he questions the morality and states that council is acting immorally by imposing this tax on senior citizens. Raymond Orloski asks to consider meeting with the general public to discuss the issue .

PRESIDENTS REPORT (Bruno R. Varano)

Mr. Varano states we will now have street paving bid opening and that two bids were received. Mr. Varano opened and announced that the first bid is from Meckley's Limestone Products, Inc. was opened and is in the amount of \$50,165.40.

Mr. Varano opens and announced that the second bid received from Reading Materials Inc. was opened and is in the amount of \$62,733.00.

MOTION- Mr. Bozza makes the motion and was seconded by Mr. Deitrick to award the bid to Meckley's Limestone Products Inc. in the amount of \$50,165.40.

ROLL CALL VOTE- BOZZA (yes), DEITRICK (yes), MOTYKA (yes), NIGLIO (yes), SCICCHITANO (yes), VARANO (yes), WINHOFER (absent)
6 YEAS -0 NAYS

MAYORS REPORT (Bernard P. Novakoski)

No Report

SECRETARY REPORT (Rhonda Wilk)

Rhonda Wilk states that a motion is needed to approve the meeting minutes from the June 10th meeting.

MOTION- Mr. Deitrick makes the motion and was seconded by Mr. Bozza.

VOICE VOTE –

Unanimous

Rhonda states that correspondence was received from the Northumberland County Tax Claim Bureau and was copied to Council/Mayor.

TREASURERS REPORT (Paul A. Niglio, Jr.)

Mr. Niglio states that council received a copy of the financial statement and the list of bills to be paid and that a motion to approve the financial statement and to pay the bills is needed.

MOTION- Mr. Deitrick makes the motion and was seconded by Mr. Scicchitano to approve the financial statement and to pay the bills

ROLL CALL VOTE- BOZZA (yes), DEITRICK (yes), MOTYKA (yes), NIGLIO (yes), SCICCHITANO (yes), VARANO (yes), WINHOFER (absent)
6 YEAS –0 NAYS

SOLICITORS REPORT- (William C. Cole)

The solicitor, William C. Cole states that the oversize vehicle ordinance will be tabled at this time.

POLICE REPORT (Chief Michael Pitcavage)

Police Report attachment #2

FIRE CHIEFS REPORT (Jeffrey Gilotti)

Fire Chief's report attachment #3

Jeff Gilotti states that the 1997 Hahn is out of service and that he asked for East Penn to come down for a service call which usually costs around \$75.00.

Francis Rakowski asks if there is a fire whistle that would blow in the event of a tornado. Mr. Gilotti states that at the West End there is a code and that there is one active siren in town.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (Kevin O’Hearn)

No Report

BUILDING INSPECTORS REPORT (Stephen G. Bielskie, Sr.)

No Report

CODE/HEALTH ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS REPORT (Russ Moroz)

Code official report attachment #4

Mr. Moroz states that 23 citations have been issued to Mr. Valeiko and a hearing is scheduled for July 22nd on the first set of citations.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (Philip Scicchitano)

No Report

SERVICE AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE (Nicholas Bozza)

Mr. Bozza announced that food surplus will be distributed on Thursday July 24th at the borough garage from 8AM until 12 Noon.

Mr. Motyka states that a company Pot Hole Killers is currently in Mount Carmel and will fill all of the pot holes throughout town for approximately \$24,000 and states that may be something worth looking into. He states that he spoke to Mr. Bozza and they will see the process and that may be an option.

Mr. Bozza states that the traffic light is due for inspection and the approximate estimate to have that done is \$1020.00.

MOTION- M. Bozza makes the motion and was seconded by Mr, Deitrick to have the maintenance completed on the traffic signals.

ROLL CALL VOTE- BOZZA (yes), DEITRICK (yes), MOTYKA (yes), NIGLIO (yes), SCICCHITANO (yes), VARANO (yes), WINHOFER (absent)
6 YEAS –0 NAYS

Mr. Bozza states that the street department could use some help and that he would like to hire a part time street department worker for 20 hours per week.

MOTION- Mr. Bozza makes the motion and was seconded by Mr. Deitrick to hire a part time street department worker for 20 hours a week at \$8.00 per hour.

ROLL CALL VOTE- BOZZA (yes), DEITRICK (yes), MOTYKA (yes), NIGLIO (yes), SCICCHITANO (yes), VARANO (yes), WINHOFER (absent)
6 YEAS –0 NAYS

Mr. Deitrick states that he would like to see street sweeping done on the north and south streets and states that these streets should be swept as well. Mr. Deitrick states that it would cost approximately \$1800.00 to sign the entire town.

Mr. Deitrick states that he would like to see the signs purchased and this to be started this season.

Mr. Deitrick proposes to take the money out of the phone line item since we were able to realize a savings there.

MOTION- Mr. Deitrick makes the motion and was seconded by Mr. Bozza to purchase the street sweeping signs not to exceed \$1900.00.

ROLL CALL VOTE- BOZZA (yes), DEITRICK (yes), MOTYKA (yes), NIGLIO (yes), SCICCHITANO (yes), VARANO (yes), WINHOFER (absent)
6 YEAS –0 NAYS

FINANCE COMMITTEE (Stephen Motyka)

No Report

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE (Stephanie Niglio)

No Report

GRANTS AND RECREATION (Clarence H. Deitrick)

Mr. Deitrick states that the recreation grant through the county is pending for the purchase of video surveillance equipment and a flagpole. Mr. Deitrick states that The DEP/CDBG grant application for the new dump truck, recycling bins and educational material is near completion.

Mr. Motyka is looking into a Pennsylvania Energy Grant and states that PA Energy may be an option for savings options on lighting and energy use. Mr. Motyka states that concerning a grant through FEMA that he spoke with Kevin O’Hearn the EMA Director and with Tom Hughes with the states concerning the possibility of using the new building as a disaster relief center. He states we could possibly have help with obtaining a generator. A letter would be submitted to the county requesting the need,

Mr. Deitrick states that concerning the new police vehicle through USDA, that would be pending the second round.

BUILDING COMMITTEE (Stephen Motyka)

Mr. Motyka states that the site plan was released on Sunday to the newspaper.

Mr. Motyka states that concerning the USDA and the schedule, it will be a one month time period to review documents before the bidding of the building. He states that with the one month time period to allow contractors to bid the job we are looking into October. Mr. Motyka states that the architects are working to come up with a written schedule and a cost

SENIOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (Winhofer, Varano and Deitrick)

No Report

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Scicchitano suggests that council schedule a public meeting concerning the new building.

Mr. Varano states that a meeting will be set up concerning the municipal complex for the public and a location will be decided on where to hold the public meeting. Mr. Varano asks that fresh ideas and options with the facts be brought to the meeting.

Mr. Varano states that our goal is 1 million or less. At 1.6 we went back to the drawing board and states that so much to date has been spent from 2009 until today. The Design is paid for 80%.

Mr. Varano tells the people not to be afraid to come to meetings.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Beverly Fallet of 845 Pine Street states that there are four properties curbs being ruined and another issue is 2 dogs that roam and go in her yard, she states that her yard is not fenced in and that the dogs are not on a leash and the owner does not clean up after them.

Beverly Fallet states that the curbs are getting ruined because they back their tires onto the curb from Annie Bartko's up to Witneys and states that it is a very narrow street. She states that kids are going on scooters and states that the man next door is very nasty. Mr. Varano suggests that she call the police.

Mr. Chesney of 929 Pine Street thanks Mr. Scicchitano and states that a meeting will be most appreciated with as much financial information available.

The Kulpmont Borough Solicitor William C. Cole states that council met in executive session for approximately 2 hours for personnel and contractual matters

MOTION- Mr. Scicchitano made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Deitrick to advertise the public meeting at 6:00 PM on August 5th to discuss the new building project and for general purposes to be held at the West End Fire Company.

ROLL CALL VOTE- BOZZA (yes), DEITRICK (yes), MOTYKA (yes), NIGLIO (yes), SCICCHITANO (yes), VARANO (yes), WINHOFER (absent)
6 YEAS –0 NAYS

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT THE CALL OF THE CHAIR

RHONDA WILK
SECRETARY