

**KULPMONT BOROUGH  
REGULAR MEETING  
JUNE 14, 2016**

Opening Prayer by Councilman Joseph A. Winhofer  
President of Council, Bruno R. Varano request all to remain standing and asks for a  
moment of silence for all of the victims in Orlando.  
The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag by body present, Kulpmont Borough Council held  
its regular monthly meeting Tuesday June 14, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Roll call was taken and the following members were present: Mayor Novakoski,  
Clarence H. Deitrick, Bruno R Varano, Joseph A. Winhofer, Stephen Motyka, George  
Malakoski, and Walter Lutz.

Mr. Goretski arrived at 7:10 p.m.

**APPOINTED POSITIONS:** Treasurer, Paul A. Niglio, Jr.

**ABSENT:** William C. Cole

**PRESENT:** Borough Secretary Rhonda Wilk, Borough Supervisor Bruce Graff and  
Police Chief Michael Pitcavage.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Jack Maciajewski, Stephanie Niglio, Joe Politza, Bob Chesney,  
Ed Wojcik, Ray Politza, Vince Wasilewski, Linda Bozza, Taylor Bozza, Joe Pancerella,  
Joe Meyer, Aldo Mirarchi and Robert Nolan.

**PRESIDENTS REPORT** (Bruno R. Varano)

Mr. Varano states that he will at this time present a resolution to Taylor Bozza and  
proceeded to read aloud the resolution and present the resolution to Taylor. Council then  
congratulated Taylor Bozza and wished her the best.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO BE HEARD ON ANYTHING ON THE  
AGENDA:**

Mr. Bob Chesney of 929 Pine Street and states that under police report he is inquiring if  
there has been any progress made in the merger of the police forces of Mount Carmel  
Township and the Borough.

Mr. Deitrick states that they met with Mount Carmel Township in April and they came up  
with a proposal which was then given to their solicitor to review and it was found that  
there were several items that had to be reviewed and states that at this point it is still in  
their hands and that we are waiting on the proposal.

Mr. Chesney questions then if it is still a feasibility that something could come of it. Mr. Deitrick replied that there could, we are just waiting for the proposal to see if it would be good for us or not.

Mr. Chesney questions if that would eliminate or slow down any type of progress at the old East End as far as the cells and stuff like that because if a merger would occur then there would be no need in Kulpmont to have any type of facilities to hold prisoners and questions if he would be correct in assuming that at this stage. Mr. Varano replied that we just had our pre-construction meeting two weeks ago.

Mr. Chesney states that if there is a merger, the new building would not need cells and evidence rooms and things of that nature. Mr. Varano replied that it would not be a merger; it would be a take over and adds that he does not believe that there is a cell, more of an interrogation room.

Mr. Chesney states that with a take over or merger some of that stuff may not be needed is what he is asking. Mr. Deitrick questioned Mr. Motyka if there is anyway to stop that now, and adds that he would say no. Mr. Chesney states that it is a cost that can be eliminated.

Mr. Motyka agreed with Mr. Deitrick and added that if Mount Carmel Twp comes back with an astronomical figure, we do not have anyway to predict that. Mr. Motyka states that it has been such a process to get to this point and states that he does not think you can stop it now. The Mayor added that what happens at this point is that you would get 10 percent back of the cost and states that he has seen it many times and states that at this point we do not know and it may be six or several months from now until we know.

The Mayor adds if it does not go through, then what do we do and he suggest to leave as is and if need be it will not take much to minimize that room for something else because it is mostly space.

Mr. Chesney states that if you remember the vision was cement walls and a cell they can't break out of. Mayor Novakoski replied that is all infrastructure and it does not matter, walls can be removed and it could be anything. Mr. Chesney replied that then it could be a library. Mr. Varano replied that it could be a library and the Mayor added that it could be anything.

Mr. Deitrick added that we are also looking into regional police force with us Mount Carmel and Mount Carmel Township and states we could not take a Township offer without hearing back on the regional police force information.

Mr. Chesney states that years ago the regional was a lot more expensive. Mr. Varano replied that it was many, many years ago and we do not know that. Mr. Chesney states that with just Mount Carmel Township and us there was going to be some significant savings and states that he just wanted to know that it is still a possibility and that we could still save some money.

Mr. Lutz added that he was in a conversation with Chief Hollenbush on the 5<sup>th</sup> and states that Mr. Hollenbush stated that it was with the attorney and that it would be to the Borough no later than six weeks and states that would be around July 3<sup>rd</sup> when we should have the proposal.

Mr. Motyka added that an additional thing we could run into is that we gave them permission to move forward and we know what all just happened at the county level. Mr. Motyka added that they may already have purchased doors and windows for the police department and such that would be the same thing that happened at the county level. Mr. Motyka added that the prints are in the office downstairs.

**MAYORS REPORT** (Bernard P. Novakoski)

Mayor Novakoski states that he is still seeking volunteers for the auxiliary police. The Mayor states that the car cruise will be held on June 19<sup>th</sup> and that there will be no parking from 10 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. on Chestnut Street and states that it will be posted on poles. There will be no parking posted on Chestnut Street on July 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. for the Kulpmont 100 Celebration Parade on July 3<sup>rd</sup> and states that will be posted as well.

The Mayor asks Council to relinquish the open container law so that if someone is having a beverage as long as it is in a cup or it has a cover on it that it will be fine, he states that is up to council to propose that.

Mr. Lutz questions the Mayor on the letter in correspondence that was received from Nick Bozza if what he said will be done was what was requested by Mr. Bozza. The Mayor replied that it is and that he does not even know why he sent the letter because he already knew that.

**MOTION-** Mr. Motyka made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Goretski to waive the open container section of the law for the Car Cruise and the 100 Celebration picnic.

Mr. Deitrick questions the Chief of Police if that would cause any kind of a problem. The Chief replied no it will not.

Mr. Deitrick questions when it will be waived for and asks if it will be just the three day period. The Mayor replied that it will be waived for the car cruise and the picnic.

Mr. Winhofer questioned why it was never waived for the car cruise before and states that the car cruise was held for a number of years and it was never asked and questioned why and asked if something was going on different.

The Mayor replied that he was asked and states that it saves a lot of aggravation if people want to sit on their porch and enjoy a beverage.

Mr. Varano adds the fact that why would someone sitting on their own porch watching a parade be subjected to arrest. Mr. Deitrick replied that he does not recall anyone in the past being arrested in the past.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**- DEITRICK (yes), LUTZ (yes), MALAKOSKI (yes), MOTYKA (yes), VARANO (yes), WINHOFER (yes), GORETSKI (yes)  
7 Yeas – 0 Nays

**SECRETARY REPORT** (Rhonda Wilk)

Rhonda Wilk states that approval is needed on the meeting minutes from the May 10<sup>th</sup> and May 16<sup>th</sup> meetings.

**MOTION**- To approve the meeting minutes from the May 10<sup>th</sup> and May 16<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes by Mr. Deitrick and seconded by Mr. Winhofer.

**VOICE VOTE** –

Unanimous

Rhonda states that correspondence was received from Holy Angels Holy Name Society on a Community Crime watch program from Mr. R. Daniels and that was copied to the Mayor and Council.

Also, correspondence was received from the Northumberland County office of Commissioners on the June 23, 6:30 pm workshop to be held at the Northumberland County Administration Center, that letter was copied to the Mayor and Council.

Rhonda Wilk states that a letter was received from Aqua Water Co. notifying the Borough of main replacement to begin on or before June 13<sup>th</sup> and that letter was copied to both Mayor and Council.

Rhonda Wilk states that Mayor and Council were also copied on a letter from Mike McBride concerning addressing of 1473 Poplar Street/mailbox off Wood Street. Mr. Varano states that the entrance of that property is on Wood Street and states that he would suggest an address of 1473 Wood Street, if someone would make a motion to that effect.

**MOTION**- Mr. Goretski made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Deitrick to change the address to 1474 Wood Street for 911 purposes and in regards to the letter from Mike McBride.

Mr. Deitrick asks Mr. Varano if he wants to explain the reasoning. Mr. Varano replied that the way you enter the building is from Wood Street and there is an empty lot on Poplar Street in front of it and for 911 purposes it is much easier to list the address on Wood Street, for an ambulance to answer a call to 1474 Wood Street it would be much

easier than answering to 1474 Poplar and coming into the front and not being able to get into the building.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**- DEITRICK (yes), LUTZ (yes), MALAKOSKI (yes), MOTYKA (yes), VARANO (yes), WINHOFER (yes), GORETSKI (yes)  
7 Yeas – 0 Nays

Rhonda Wilk states that a letter was received from the Kulpmont 100 and that was requesting positing of signage, advertising no parking and the sweeping of Chestnut Street before the parade and that letter was copied to both Mayor and Council.

Correspondence was received from KPI Technology concerning the 6<sup>th</sup> Street Drainage Video Inspection and Estimated Project Cost and that letter was copied to both Mayor and Council.

Mr. Deitrick commented that he and Mike from KPI attended when Chip Adams did the camera work and everyone received a copy and states that the Engineer already gave us a budget for the construction cost and the engineering cost. He states that there were about 30 or 40 feet of line that was collapsed and states that is where 6<sup>th</sup> Street is sinking down.

Mr. Deitrick adds that from Chestnut Street down past the Sportsman's Association there is four different types of pipe in there and states that it is recommended by Chip Adams and the Engineering Firm that we replace all 19 feet of that because if you only do the 30' or 40', in a couple years you would probably be replacing everything else because the joints would be coming apart.

Mr. Deitrick states the total estimated cost with engineering is \$34,900.00 and he adds that we already received money for the engineering from that sunrise pipeline grant and the rest we will apply for a Penn Dot Multimodal Grant which we have to apply by the end of June for this round and if we do not then the other grant round will not open up until the Fall.

Mr. Deitrick questions if we want to wait until we get a grant approval or do we want to pay for it and wait to see if a grant will reimburse us. Mr. Goretski comments that it has to be done and states that if you get the grant fantastic, but if you don't you cannot leave it like that.

Mr. Deitrick states that we already have the money for the Engineering through the Williams Grant, but Kulpmont out of pocket cost would be \$27,100 if the bids come out as expected. Mr. Goretski states that he thinks that we have a good shot at getting it.

Mr. Deitrick states that the thing is could we do the project and then get reimbursed. Mr. Varano states that his opinion is to make a motion to do this project whether we get the grant or not and adds that we will have money left over from our street paving because of Aqua doing all of this planned work this year.

Mr. Motyka commented that he thinks that it would be hard to get a reimbursement because Penn Dot is going to say well the job is already done, you paid for it.

Mr. Varano replied that the grant will not come from Penn Dot; the grant would probably come from DEP. Mr. Winhofer states that you are not taking much time to find out about the grant, because you said that the second round goes in by the fall. Mr. Deitrick adds that Rep. Masser and Senator Gordner both said that they would put in a good word for us.

Mr. Deitrick states that we can wait a month or two, there will be some construction people that will be in the area and they may bid on this and it could possibly save us some money since they will be here anyway and they will be here until the end of the year anyway. Mr. Deitrick states that we can wait until the next meeting or August meeting then to make a decision.

Mr. Motyka states that when we did 8<sup>th</sup> Street it was eighty some thousand dollars and states that it is not much further distance than what we talked about on 6<sup>th</sup> Street. Mr. Deitrick states that was about 600 feet total, both sides. Mr. Motyka states that he thinks that number of \$26,000.00 is low and thinks it will come in higher. Mr. Deitrick states that Mike from KPI told him that he figured on an estimate of normal fees of \$100.00 per foot, for putting the pipe in and reconstructing the road, so that is the price for 195 ft.

Mr. Motyka asks if we could ask him to review the bid on 8<sup>th</sup> Street, because he thinks that number is real low.

Mr. Goretski states that you could also check with the reserve, where they have reserve piping and they actually give it to you and you are only paying for the installation.

Mr. Deitrick states that he called the Engineer and he said the \$100.00 per foot is standard and that is all he can do, go with what the engineer is saying and comments that he should know what he is talking about.

Mr. Lutz questioned the letter we received from Aqua; he directs a question to Mr. Winhofer if he is alright with this letter and asks if he feels that they are doing what they are supposed to do.

Mr. Winhofer questions what he means by are they doing what they are supposed to do. Mr. Lutz states that there was a deal where some of the council members got together with Aqua and they said that they were going to extend something down and then you Mr. Winhofer were concerned that sometimes shockingly as it may be sometimes the water company does not do what they are supposed to do.

Mr. Winhofer replied that he said they didn't do it from last time is what he said. Mr. Lutz asks if this is ok now. Mr. Deitrick replied that it is on there now. Mr. Varano added that 8<sup>th</sup> to Fir is on there. Mr. Lutz asked Mr. Varano if they have the thing with

the fire hydrant on there and that he just wants to make sure that we are cool with what is supposed to be done.

Mr. Lutz questioned Mr. Varano directly and asks if he was cool with what they are saying. Mr. Varano replied that he is but he does not see a fire hydrant on the letter. Mr. Lutz states that he does not want to make a big deal out of it, just a little clarification so that we don't run into the problem again.

Mr. Goretski commented that he would contact them and make sure they will give us a hydrant. Mr. Varano commented that we would want one down there if you were ever to do anything down there, we have gas down there and the only thing left to get is electricity. Mr. Niglio added that there is no signature on the letter at all.

Mr. Goretski states that if you have a signature then you have someone to go to. Mr. Varano states that he has the names of the engineer and the project manager.

Mr. Winhofer states that in the letter they are stating that they may not do the final restoration until spring. Mr. Winhofer states that he thought that we passed an ordinance that if you cannot leave a street un-repaired during the winter and if you cannot have it done you would have to wait until spring.

Mr. Winhofer stated that is what happened on the ten hundred block of Maple Street, we had that problem and so we talked about not having anyone take a street up if they cannot repair it. He added that we had problems during the winter with plowing and everything because the road was not repaired before the winter.

Mr. Goretski states that he would ask for a letter signed back from them saying it will be done or they will not start it and adds that is the last thing you need because you can't plow it or nothing then.

Mr. Varano replied that you are on Service and Facilities and states that he will give him the names and you can get a hold of them and get it in writing and we should have a meeting with them. Mr. Goretski agreed and states that he thinks that it could be during the day and actually go down and visit the site. Mr. Varano stated that the ball is in his court.

#### **TREASURERS REPORT** (Paul A. Niglio, Jr.)

Mr. Niglio states that a motion is needed to accept the financial statement and to pay the bills.

**MOTION**- Mr. Deitrick made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Winhofer to approve the financial statements and to pay the bills.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**- DEITRICK (yes), LUTZ (yes), MALAKOSKI (yes), MOTYKA (yes), VARANO (yes), WINHOFER (yes), GORETSKI (yes)

7 Yeas – 0 Nays

**SOLICITORS REPORT** (William C. Cole)

Mr. Varano states that he knows that the solicitor did get the contract drawn up for the senior citizens and states that he read it and it is pretty close but there are some things that he wants in there and that he will get with him when he gets back from vacation.

Mr. Varano states that he received a letter from Mr. Winhofer for his resignation as of July 1<sup>st</sup> 2016 and reads the letter aloud.

**MOTION**- Mr. Deitrick made the motion to accept Mr. Winhofer's resignation and was seconded by Mr. Lutz.

**VOICE VOTE**

Unanimous

Mr. Varano added that we accept the resignation with a heavy heart and that Mr. Winhofer will be missed.

Mr. Winhofer replied that he will miss it as well.

Mr. Goretski states that he would like to make on a note that we prepare a nice plaque for Mr. Winhofer. Mr. Varano replied absolutely.

**POLICE REPORT** (Chief Michael Pitcavage)

Report attachment #2

Mr. Varano questioned if we are receiving reimbursement from the drug task force time. Mr. Varano added that he knows that we were reimbursed in years past.

Chief Pitcavage states that he knows we have not received any reimbursements as of 2016 and that he knows that we are in the hole quite a bit.

Chief Pitcavage states that he has been in contact with the District Attorney and with the change of staff at the office they are behind right now and states he will keep on top of that.

Mr. Deitrick questions the Chief on extra protection in town for the upcoming events. Mr. Pitcavage replied that the entire department will basically be staffed and state that he spoke with neighboring municipalities and they will be available if assistance is needed.

Mr. Dietrick questioned if the Chief thinks that we will need to hire some of the neighboring people to come in and work for us so that we have another person in town. Chief Pitcavage replied that Mt. Carmel Township has another guy on staff in anticipation of the weekend so we should be fine and we also have the state police.

Mr. Deitrick asked if we are going to have more than one person on. The Chief replied yes. Mr. Deitrick replied that is what he is asking because if they need to allocate additional funds they will to make sure the town is safe, so if you think we need more then say so. Mr. Deitrick added as long as we have more than one person roving. Chief Pitcavage questioned who we would be hiring. Mr. Deitrick replied that it would be people from Mount Carmel and Mount Carmel Township that are not working those days, if they are willing to help us out why wouldn't they come down and put in an 8 or 10 hour day and let us pay them.

Mr. Varano added that they would then have to be put on the payroll and all. Mr. Goretski commented that you have to check on that with the lawyer and everything, if you hire from another town then you are responsible and adds that he is not saying they are not needed.

Mr. Deitrick states that he is just saying that we need to be adequately covered and one or two people may not be able to cover it that is all.

Chief Pitcavage replied that the whole department will work the weekend. Mr. Deitrick states that is four people, but if you think that we are adequately covered then that is good but if there is anything we could do then say so.

**FIRE CHIEFS REPORT** (Kevin O'Hearn)

Attachment #3

Mr. Varano questions if any Chiefs are in attendance. Mayor Novakoski states that they are on standby for a fire in East Cameron.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT** (Kevin O'Hearn)

No Report

**BUILDING INSPECTORS REPORT** (TRI County COG)

Report Attachment #4

**CODE/HEALTH ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS REPORT** (Russ Moroz)

Report Attachment #5

Mr. Varano questioned if it is known why solicitation permits is on the agenda. Rhonda Wilk replied that Russ Moroz has had some calls on whether a solicitation permit will be required for the Kulpmont 100 celebration.

Mr. Varano and Mayor Novakoski both replied that they will be required and are not waived. Mr. Deitrick suggests that for the Kulpmont 100 if it is someone from Kulpmont we should waive it.

Mr. Winhofer replied that you cannot pick and choose who will need a permit. Mr. Varano states that that concerning the Vets, they do not need a permit they could sell right out of their property and put it on their book as an event.

Mr. Deitrick stated that he understands that the West End is not going to do it on their property. Mr. Niglio states that if they are not doing it on the street, they are on someone's property.

Mr. Varano states that you can sell from inside and eat it outside, but it can be sold inside without getting a solicitation permit. Mr. Goretski states that the money transaction would have to take place inside.

**MOTION**- Mr. Lutz made a motion and was seconded by Mr. Deitrick to waive the permits for the Kulpmont VFW, The West End Fire Co., Holy Angels, Scicchitano's and the Knights of Columbus for the Kulpmont 100.

Mr. Winhofer questions how you can pick and choose it is somebody's right, you are saying just because you are not from Kulpmont. Mr. Winhofer states you cannot waive a permit for somebody because they live in this area and because someone else does not live in this area they have to pay the permit fee.

Mayor Novakoski questions why Holy Angels needs to have a permit, they will have it on their property they own it and can do what they want.

Mr. Lutz replied that fair is not in the scheme of things and that he does not want to get in a big long discussion on fairness, but it may be that we do not have to waive anything but he states that he does not want anyone to go down there and arrest David Shinskie for selling hotdogs.

Mr. Deitrick clarified then; you only need a permit if you are soliciting on the street and not on private property.

Mr. Lutz said then this whole notion about permits is really not an issue. Council agrees and Mr. Lutz states that he then withdraws his motion.

Mayor Novakoski states that if they put it on the books as an event and a purchase is made inside that is fine and the open container law has been waived as long as a beverage is in a covered container everything is fine.

Mr. Deitrick states that with an event like this you draw more people by selling outside. Mayor Novakoksi replied that then they have to buy a permit.

Mr. Varano added that it is a \$25.00 permit. Mr. Goretski questioned what the big thing is, you just go inside and buy and come outside. Mr. Lutz states lets have a roll call vote.

Mr. Winhofer states that we don't have a second. Mr. Varano asked Mr. Deitrick if seconds that motion. Mr. Goretski offered to pay the \$25.00 permit fees and states that will resolve it.

Mr. Deitrick replied that he never withdrew his second. Mr. Varano stated lets have a roll call vote.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**- DEITRICK (yes), LUTZ (yes), MALAKOSKI (no), MOTYKA (no), VARANO (no), WINHOFER (no), GORETSKI (no)  
2 Yeas – 5 Nays

Mr. Varano states that he deals with LCE all of the time and you can buy food inside and the only thing they cannot sell is booze, they can sell soda inside but not booze. So they can not sit outside with a hotdog and a beer.

Mr. Winhofer suggests that a permit be sold for the three day period for the Kulpmont 100 celebration for a cost of \$5.00.

**MOTION**- Mr. Winhofer made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Deitrick to reduce the solicitation fee to \$5.00 for the Kulpmont Celebration event to anyone wanting a permit for that day.

Mr. Varano states that the fee may as well be done away with for that day if the fee will be \$5.00.

Mr. Winhofer states that if you put a table on the front sidewalk and put brownies on it, then you need a permit.

Mayor Novakoski states that will they still need proof of insurance, liability when a solicitor comes into town. Mr. Winhofer states that everything is the same and states that his motion is just to lower the fee.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**- DEITRICK (yes), LUTZ (yes), MALAKOSKI (yes), MOTYKA (no), VARANO (no), WINHOFER (yes), GORETSKI (no)  
4 Yeas – 3 Nays

Mayor Novakoski states that the borough just lost \$200.00. Mr. Varano added that it will cost more to make them up. Mr. Winhofer replied what is \$200.00; you just lost

\$20,000.00 from the water company. Mr. Varano commented that we did not lose that. Mr. Varano added that it wasn't followed up on before.

Mr. Varano states that the code office is closed for vacation July 1<sup>st</sup> and will re-open July 11<sup>th</sup> and questioned Mr. Winhofer if personnel approved that.

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE** (Joseph A. Winhofer)

No Report

**SERVICE AND FACILITIES** (Nicholas P. Goretski, III)

Mr. Goretski states that the only thing he had was parking restrictions and that has already been discussed.

He states that the only thing he has a question on where the billboard is going up that the Celebration Committee mentioned in a letter. Mr. Varano questioned if it is a billboard or one of them electric reader boards. Bruce Graff replied it is an electric billboard and states that they are already up. Mr. Goretski questioned if we are alright with them being put up. Mr. Deitrick states that they are not even in Kulpmont they are in Mount Carmel Township and Coal Township. Mr. Winhofer added that we did not put them up, Penn Dot did. Bruce Graff replied that Penn Dot did not put them up the committee did, they rented them from somewhere. Mr. Winhofer commented that he thought Penn Dot did it. Mr. Deitrick added that they are not in Kulpmont so it does not mean anything to us.

Mr. Deitrick states that in the past when Mr. Malakoski's wife worked for a greenhouse Mr. Malakoski and his wife would donate their time and place flowers down at the town park. Mr. Deitrick stated that he spoke with Mr. Malakoski if the borough would buy some plants if he and his wife would donate their time to place the plants down at the town park and make it look nice for the 100 anniversary.

**MOTION** – Mr. Dietrick made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Motyka to buy plants not to exceed \$200.00 for down at the town park and speak to Mr. Malakoski and have him and his wife plant them for the celebration.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**- DEITRICK (yes), LUTZ (yes), MALAKOSKI (abstain), MOTYKA (yes), VARANO (yes), WINHOFER (yes), GORETSKI (yes)  
6 Yeas – 0 Nays

Mr. Deitrick states that he wants to thank Mr. Malakoski ahead of time and states that he and his wife always did a great job with that.

Mr. Goretski states that the only other thing he has is that the surplus food distribution will be held on June 23<sup>rd</sup> from 8:00 until 12:00 noon.

Mr. Deitrick states that everyone received information on the veridesk and states that one of the worst things that can happen to people in an office is sitting all day. Mr. Deitrick stated that with the veridesk Rhonda could stand part of the day or all day if she wants.

**MOTION** – Mr. Deitrick is making a motion and was seconded by Mr. Lutz to purchase the veridesk at \$395.00.

Mr. Varano questions if that is to purchase only one. Mr. Deitrick replied yes. Mr. Varano asked what about the other secretary. The other secretary, Stephanie Niglio stated that she didn't feel that she needed one being she is only here part time.

Mr. Motyka stated that under his committee previously he asked for help with the purchasing of furniture for the new building from the council and he questions if buying in bulk if we may receive a better price on the veridesk and questions if we will put this out on bid to purchase furniture. Mr. Goretski replied that we wouldn't bid; we would buy under state contract price.

Mr. Lutz states that he feels we could buy one now and it would not be a big deal; he added that Rhonda may find that she does not even like it.

Mr. Deitrick added that if that is the case there is a 30 day return. Mr. Lutz stated that he used a stand up desk for forty years and it is great. Mr. Goretski added that they are nice.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**- DEITRICK (yes), LUTZ (yes), MALAKOSKI (yes), MOTYKA (yes), VARANO (yes), WINHOFER (yes), GORETSKI (yes)  
7 Yeas – 0 Nays

**FINANCE/PURCHASING COMMITTEE** (Stephen Motyka)

No Report

**CODE /HEALTH AND SAFETY** (George Malakoski)

No Report

**ORDINANCE COMMITTEE** (Walter Lutz)

No Report

**GRANTS AND RECREATION** (Clarence H. Deitrick)

Mr. Deitrick states that the County is holding a meeting on Thursday June 23<sup>rd</sup> to discuss CDBG funding at the Admin Building in Sunbury, he states that he does not feel that there is any need to go to it because we were already disqualified on getting CDBG funding because we are not an entitlement community where you would get the guarantee money every year and then the non-entitlement communities get to compete for a County

lump sum that they get from the state every year. He added that according to Federal guidelines and the 2010 census we are above the poverty line where we cannot even compete for that CDBG money and states that he has already contacted Senator Gordner's office and Rep. Massers and states that the guidelines are set by the Fed's so we also talked to Congressman Barletta's office about it also.

Mr. Deitrick stated that he does not know where we can go, and adds that the only possible way for us to get any of the County's CDBG money now would be to do a project that is localized into a smaller area and doing another financial study and we may come in under those Federal guidelines, but as far as doing a project that benefits the whole town right now we are not eligible.

Mr. Motyka states that he and Mr. Malakoski plan to attend and express to them that it is a broken system and states that Mount Carmel population with double the population of Kulpmont gets \$90,000.00 a year and we get nothing and states that he thinks we should go there and voice our opinion.

Mr. Deitrick commented that he can do that and added that they did voice their opinion already to all of the people that he just mentioned and states that it is not likely that it will change because all of the votes come from the big cities and they guarantee the money to themselves and they are not going to change it.

Mr. Deitrick added that the only way we could do it and states that he does not even know if it is still feasible if the populations would meet but we once did try to combine with Marion Heights and at that point years ago we would have been an entitlement community, but we may not have the numbers now and states that he does not know.

Mr. Motyka states that by us attending we may be able to do a localized census. Mr. Deitrick replied that if we could come up with a project such as the 8<sup>th</sup> Street project at that time we qualified when we did that project because only a certain amount of the population and properties were affected and so when we did the income survey we came in under and so that is why we received the eighty or ninety thousand from the CDBG money, but when we applied for to repair the wall up at the stadium we were denied because that benefits the entire community.

Mr. Varano states that they have been receiving CDBG money for years at the Sewer Authority. Mr. Deitrick replied that he does not know about anymore now because of the 2010 census survey just kicked in last year. Mr. Varano replied that they are combined with Marion Heights, its Kulpmont Marion Heights Joint Municipal Authority. Mr. Deitrick replied that the Sewer Authority may qualify then.

Mr. Deitrick states that last month we talked about partnering with the Knights of Columbus for a set of bleachers up at the Terry Miriello Stadium on the recreation grant that we applied for with the County and adds that we did not hear anything back on that grant as of today.

**BUILDING COMMITTEE** (Stephen Motyka)

Mr. Motyka states that with the 135 day duration of the project is a completion date of mid November. Mr. Lutz questioned when the start date is.

The Mayor responded and stated that they took the middle of November and worked backwards with it to the 135 days. Mr. Lutz questioned when he states “they,” who they are. Mr. Varano replied the different contractors; they will be starting at different times.

Mr. Motyka states that the USDA wanted the 135 days and states the borough originally wanted 90 days. Mr. Lutz questioned that he understands that there was some discussion on Ms. Musser not being sure if it was a prevailing wage or not. Mr. Varano replied it is not Federal but it is State prevailing wage.

Mr. Lutz asked if it is know it is. Mr. Varano replied that it is posted down at the building. Mr. Motyka replied that he took the wage rate calculator from the department of Labor and Industry and postings down to the building site. Mr. Lutz asked if a letter has to be sent out to the contractor so that they are aware of the prevailing wage.

Mayor Novakoski replied that they were all there and that was all discussed at a meeting. Mr. Lutz questioned if we are all good with that and then no letter has to be sent. Mr. Motyka states that it was said that as of the next bulletin he will reiterate that and that the postings will be part of the contract documents.

Mr. Varano added that any laborer, contractor, and electrician that enter that building will be looking at that when they go in. Mr. Lutz expressed to Mr. Varano that he was with him and if it’s posted in neon that is all the better. Mr. Winhofer commented that is not even our worry adding that is the contractors worry because they are going to put in certified payroll and all before they get paid. Mr. Varano stated that Stephen Bielskie wanted it posted and Russ Moroz called him about it and he states that he said post it.

Mr. Motyka stated that this is why it’s such a pet peeve for him, up at the DCNR building in Aristes there were 13 carpenters getting paid thirteen dollars per hour instead of forty seven dollars per hour. Mr. Motyka states that contractor was putting thirty dollars per hour in his pocket and that only happened a few miles away.

Mr. Winhofer asked if he was caught. Mr. Motyka states that he was. Mr. Winhofer replied that he was fined. Mr. Motyka replied that we don’t want that to happen on our site. Mr. Winhofer states that all you can go by is the certified payroll that he provides that he pays his guys.

Mr. Deitrick questions if they will use the parking lot during construction. Mayor Novakoski states that they are going to bring most of the materials into the big room that is there and use their materials as they go and the lot will be used for only parking. Mr. Deitrick states that we will have to post it soon because it will start any day.

Mr. Varano states that a lock box is needed on the door. Mr. Deitrick states that Russ Moroz discussed with him that a lock box would ruin the doors.

Mayor Novakoski states that they want a lock box that is what was stated at the meeting, he states that they want a box with a key because they don't want a contractor getting there and saying that they do not have a combination. Mr. Moroz states at the completed we will have key cards. Mr. Varano interjected and states that it is not going to be a key, it is in there to put lock box on key and to email the combination to Rocky.

Mr. Motyka states that several years ago we started off with a ten thousand dollar phone bill and we got it down to three thousand. Mr. Motyka states that we are looking a new phone system on interned based phones and we are trying to come up with a number and states that the internet phones will provide a main data base and many other features.

Mr. Motyka asked council to feel free to get involved and states this is just some of the things that he looked into. Mr. Motyka states that until we get different providers to give us details and numbers we do not know what we will choose. Mr. Motyka states that Vontage and such you can buy the phones outright or lease them.

Mr. Dietick states that he is meeting with service electric tomorrow. A discussion took place and it was decided to get a quote on at least 7 phones. Mr. Motyka states that it could be local based or cloud based and right now he does not have all of the answers.

Mr. Motyka states that the next thing to do is to look at furniture and what is needed for the new building. Mr. Motyka states that he in the past looked into solar power and states that he met with SEDA-COG several times and they put him in touch with an energy audit company and states that they will come in and audit and since this is under construction, it may be feasible now. They may come in and say that this is the cost and initial investment will pay off in three years and they may say this can be done at the building and the borough garage, but we will get a graph on consumption and on savings.

Mr. Motyka questioned if the council wants to wait on the retaining wall until construction is over, he states that we could add 15 spots to that by adding the wall. He added that a few months ago we got a price for fencing and the retaining wall and we are looking at about four thousand dollars in material and he states that he will volunteer and help if we get the maintenance department to work on the weekends.

Mr. Deitrick makes the suggestion to wait until construction is done and adds why tear up during construction when you may have vehicles and trucks coming in.

Mr. Motyka states that a few weeks ago he sent a letter to the editor about gas in this town and Senator Gordner contacted him about it and he promised to approach PUC and UGI directly and states that he is for the gas line coming through this area and that may have some leverage in getting this to work out. Mr. Motyka states that when he heard the promises from Senator Gordner's office he immediately contacted Rep. Masser's office as well.

Mr. Deitrick commented that when we met with Congressman Beretta's office he stated that he mentioned that they spend all of this money with wind and solar and threw hundreds of billions away with that company Solyndra and the cleanest burning fossil fuel is natural gas and questioned why the Federal Government can't put more money into the infrastructure for natural gas.

Mr. Motyka states that the public has to keep pressure on as well.

Mr. Motyka states that the tenants need to be aware of us moving out of this building and that brings us to the demolition of this building in the down construction season, if so he states that he works for a construction company and he can take bid documents from previous jobs and alter them so that we have actual specs and a scope of work so everyone is bidding on the same. He commented that he feels that we could keep the costs down doing that if we go that route and the same thing with fixing the sidewalks after. Mr. Lutz commented that will be great and he would buy him lunch.

Mr. Motyka states that he talked with Rhonda Wilk about getting the prisoners in town to help with sweeping the sidewalks on Chestnut Street into the Street and states that she said they are going to try and get that done. Rhonda Wilk added that she submitted the application that day and contacted Mr. Fabrizio at SCI and was told that they would come out and look at the project and then they go back to vote on it, the site would have to be visited and states that she was told that having this done before the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend would probably not be possible in this short amount of time.

Mr. Lutz questioned with the bid for sidewalk and landscaping, the present landscaping that is there at the new building is that just going away. Mayor Novakoksi states that everything there now will stay there, the Sportsman's took out what they wanted to take out, when they do the demo the sidewalk will be up against the building so there will be no shrubbery, out front will stay.

Mr. Lutz states that the loan was about 767,000.00 and 250,000.00 to pay off the interim deal and about 300,000.00 for the building, and states the demo here was about 120,000.00 or something like that and then 90,000.00 or so it leaves us. Mr. Lutz states that the bond unit people in Harrisburg can only go up to 800,000.00. Mr. Niglio replied that we are only using the 3 mills and states that it is basically all we can do because we are not going to utilize any savings on that building.

Mr. Deitrick states that a roof is needed on the garage, do we have an idea on the price of that. Mr. Winhofer states that the cost would be approximately \$10,000.00. Mr. Deitrick commented that price is pretty reasonable.

Mr. Deitrick questioned if we have the kids from the County this year that could possibly push brooms. Rhonda Wilk states that she will contact them and see if that would be an option. Mr. Deitrick added that we could look into it and do what we can to make everything look good.

**SENIOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE** (J. Winhofer, B. Varano and C. Deitrick)

No Report

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Lutz states that when some of the personnel with the fire companies were speaking with Mr. Barletta on leaving the fire equipment in its present location and asks what is going to happen to the fire station if the equipment is relocated. Mr. Varano replied that we are putting our borough equipment in there.

Mr. Motyka added that if we cut the heat off in there and only pay for one garage we could have a savings on the heat. Mr. Lutz asked if we have a thought on where the fire equipment is going to go and states that he read Mr. Seigal had a sense to go down the West End and build a building and he heard something about eminent domain, but Mr. Cole is not here this evening.

Mr. Varano states that he does not think we want to get involved with eminent domain with that, we want to stay as far away from that as possible. Mr. Lutz added that takes way longer to do.

Mr. Varano states that they are going to have to build a building next to the West End so they will have to use that 100,000.00 that they have. Mr. Deitrick states that Mr. Seigal and most construction guys will tell you that the easiest way to build is to build right where they are now and just put another bay in.

Mr. Lutz questioned what about the equipment at the East End, can the equipment go someplace else because that side is built for a fire company not to store trucks in, and there is all kind of piping and all to support the fire dept.

Mr. Deitrick states that is why we were building a five bay garage down at the original site because we have all of this new equipment we have three good trucks, street sweeper a ton of equipment and half of it is exposed in the winter.

Mr. Deitrick states that we need this and that to get it all under roof. Mr. Lutz stated that the one that is really critical is the street sweeper and asks if we rent to store it for the whole year. Mr. Deitrick states just for the winter months and the rent is about ninety dollars.

Mr. Lutz states that there are some vehicles in the present garage and that needs a roof and when this building is down then this will be a lot. Mr. Lutz states that then a building could be built on this lot and the equipment could go here and the fire apparatus could stay in the building.

Mayor Novakoski replied that is not a good plan at all because now you would have a third building that needs to be heated. Mr. Lutz stated that the thing of it is we have to work with the fire company. Mayor Novakoski replied that it seems that the fire company doesn't seem to want to work with us.

Mr. Lutz said that he disagrees with that. Mayor Novakoski replied that they have one hundred thousand dollars and they can apply for grants. Mr. Lutz replied they can apply for grants but we have a situation where the fire equipment has to go someplace. Mayor Novakoski replied that was their responsibility two years ago and they dragged their feet. Mr. Lutz responded by saying that the deal with the fire company is if there was a good communication it could have been worked out.

Mayor Novakoski told Mr. Lutz not to go there. Mr. Lutz replied that he is going there. Mayor Novakoski stated that they tried to talk to them for two years and they didn't even want to talk to them. Mr. Lutz said he found them to be very professional and very open. Mr. Varano told Mr. Lutz to read some of the things they were told in January, it was all a bunch of crap.

Mayor Novakoski states that when they talked to SEDA-COG, we do not have any responsibility to them at all and over the years we have been very generous we give them money for heat and we have done that for years and we have taken care of them in all kind of ways and when push came to shove we asked them "hey you guys have got to help us find another place" and they just said no. Mayor Novakoski states that they told us they did not need the East End quarters and they didn't need the social hall and stated that he can't even say what they told him because it is not nice and it cannot be printed in the paper. Mr. Varano suggested he spell it. Mayor Novakoski states that he will not even spell it but he can say that he almost got up and punched him in the mouth. Mr. Lutz made the statement to Mayor Novakoski that he has a problem with threatening people. Mayor Novakoski replied that he said almost almost is not threatening someone. Mr. Lutz directed a statement to the Mayor and stated "you are a real bad ass."

Mr. Varano states that what they were told in January was and read from the minutes a response, the Congressman really does not want to meet, what he said to the fire chief Jeff Gilotti and Mr. Bozza is what he said is good enough, everything is done its ready to go and questions why would council have to meet with the Congressman. Mr. Lutz questioned who said that and asked if it was Mr. Bozza. Mr. Varano replied yes sir. Mr. Lutz questioned then if the Mayor thinks Mr. Bozza was lying.

Mayor Novakoski replied that he is assuming that and added that is right from the minutes. Mr. Lutz states that the deal with it is and we addressed that last time that Mr. Bozza was not misleading anyone, he may have got overzealous but he was not misleading. Mr. Varano states that then you Mr. Lutz, made a motion to keep the fire apparatus in the building until July 1<sup>st</sup> and that motion passed and then at the June meeting we were supposed to make a decision to give them until August if they didn't have a building ready and added that they do not even have plans for a building yet.

Mr. Lutz questioned so, then they are good until August and then you are going to evict them. Mayor Novakoski commented maybe de-certify them but not evict them.

Mr. Varano stated that they have to get on the stick and work with us, we are willing to work with them but they are going to have to put some money into this deal and build a building. Mr. Varano added that we have plenty of property for them to build.

Mr. Motyka added that he did some leg work and sent the prints to a company out of New Jersey and all of they do is fire companies and they came back with some square footage and states that he shared that with the fire company.

Mr. Lutz replied that he will discuss that with them. Mr. Varano commented that he feels that the best place is down at the West End.

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Mr. Lutz states that he will read it and report back. Mr. Varano replied that they told them that they did not have any money. Mr. Lutz replied that he saw it and that the Fire Company has been very open. Mr. Varano replied that they may be open to you but they are not very open to us and that is all that we asked for is for them to be open with us. Mayor Novakoski added that they wanted it to be public knowledge. Mr. Varano commented that again, that is all council ever wanted was for them to be open to them.

Mr. Varano replied that they will have to get off their butts and figure out what we are going to do. Mr. Lutz agreed and said that there are all kinds of things that can be done. Mr. Varano added that we will have to set up a meeting with them in two weeks.

Mr. Lutz suggested that so many people are involved with the Kulpmont 100 and suggested that when that is over, then we may be able to all get together and states that it is only a couple weeks away.

Mr. Varano commented that we are running out of time and states that he does not like doing all of this all at one time, but we have to do it. Mr. Varano added that Aqua is in town and we are remodeling the East End and making all kinds of alterations to this place and it has to be done. Mayor Novakoski adds that money is tight.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

No Report

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Varano wished all a Happy Flag Day and a Happy Birthday to the United States Army, 241 years old, "1775." Mr. Lutz adds Happy Birthday to all of the past, present and future soldiers, and 241 years.

Mayor Novakoski announced that the Veterans of Foreign War donated seventy five dollars toward the purchase of flags so that when the centennial flags are taken down that they could be replaced with the American Flags. Mr. Lutz commented that the flags that are in town are terrific. Mr. Goretski adds that they look great.

Mr. Goretski announced that he will stay on council as long as possible but states that he has some major health issues that will take him out of the area to take care of what he needs to have done. He adds that if it all works out then he will probably go toward the mid-west for recovery because the climate would be excellent for his condition.

Mr. Goretski states that he is going to stay on as long as he can. Mr. Goretski commented that he wanted to speak to the solicitor William Cole but he is not here this evening and states that he would like to be here when another person is appointed.

Mr. Goretski states that there are many people and he looks to the audience and states that he thinks Joe Pancerella would take it. Mr. Varano chuckled and commented to Mr. Pancerella that Mr. Goretski is volunteering him.

Mr. Lutz directed a statement to Mr. Goretski that with his health issues does he really need to come up here and put up with a pain like himself. Mr. Goretski replied to Mr. Lutz that he is not a pain and states that it is hard to get away from something when you did it for 35 years. Mr. Lutz replied, "God Bless you" but it is like a tank or something ran into you.

Mr. Goretski replied that he promised his wife he is going out and he is going out and added that he cannot tolerate it and states that he will try to make himself available until they get somebody to replace him.

Mr. Lutz commented that he commented to Mr. Goretski that he thinks that his wife should be behind him.

Mr. Goretski states that he just wanted to let everyone know that he will be leaving. Mr. Varano commented that you have one, two, three, four leaving shortly, so god bless you.

Mr. Lutz questioned if they should have an executive session.

Mr. Winhofer replied that he does not think an executive session is needed. Mr. Varano agreed.

Mr. Motyka states that he just wants to comment on the centennial committee and adds that what they did with that calendar and what they have done so far has been great. Mr. Varano states that he thinks that they did one hell of a job, if he has to use that language. Mr. Motyka commented that he thinks that everyone agrees.

Mr. Lutz questioned Mr. Varano on what the process is now that Mr. Winhofer has resigned as of July 1<sup>st</sup> what the process is and questions if the position is left vacant or if they now have a meeting or something and questions how that works.

Mr. Varano replied that you cannot leave it vacant. Mr. Lutz commented that anyone interested could put a letter of interest in at the Borough office. Mr. Niglio adds that you have 30 days to fill the vacancy from July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Mr. Varano states that you could fill the vacancy within 10 days and then some discussion among council occurred when Mr. Varano asked Mr. Deitrick if he has the code book with him.

Mr. Deitrick replied that he does and states that the code reads that filling vacancies of elected borough offices from the borough council shall fill the vacancy within 30 days by appointing by resolution a registered elector of the borough. Mr. Deitrick adds that if council shall be unable to fill a vacancy within the 30 days then the vacancy shall be filled within 15 additional days by the vacancy board and then if the vacancy is not filled within 1 day by the vacancy board then the remaining members of the vacancy board shall petition the court of comma pleas to fill the vacancy by appointment. Mr. Deitrick stated that Paul Niglio is on the vacancy board.

Mr. Varano commented that a letter of intent or a resume if they prefer that is fine but states that all that is needed is a letter of intent and that can be turned in and given to Rhonda in the borough office. Mr. Deitrick requests that council meet in executive session at the end of the meeting for possible litigation.

### **OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

Mr. Pancerella thanked Mr. Winhofer for all of his years of service here on council, the fire department and East End. Mr. Pancerella also thanked Mr. Goretski and commented that he always felt that his name should be down at Roosevelt Court on a plaque and states that it is not, but that it should be.

Mr. Pancerella questions if there is a plan of the entire scope of the building project and asks if we are going to post what the entire plan is with the East End building, the truck room, the demolition the entire plan.

Mayor Novakoski states that every day there should be a scope on the project as it progresses a daily, weekly and monthly report that will be posted and you would be able to read.

Mr. Pancerella states that what he is questioning is if there is a scope of what he is hearing the potential of tearing this building down, housing the fire departments, and the potential of rebuilding a storage shed. Mr. Varano replied that was all told, and states that we are putting a roof on the garage, tearing this building down and moving the fire company and adds that they have no control on where the fire company moves.

Mr. Niglio adds that if the building goes with no problems then they can make a decision, it is all going to depend and based on what's available after costs and on the top budget

figure. Mr. Niglio states that if the building goes with no problems and we can get it done within the \$350,000.00 then decisions could be made, but there has never been a construction project that does not have change orders and that can add 10 percent of the cost.

Mr. Lutz questioned where he was getting the \$350,000.00 figure and states that he thought it were \$300,000.00. Mr. Niglio states that he was just using that figure. Mr. Niglio states that we are going to be moving in November and that move is not going to happen in a few days it will take a month, you have five people here.

Mr. Pancarella states that the plans are in the office for exactly what you are doing with the building, for landscaping and parking and so forth and asks if bids have been received for that.

Mr. Motyka replied that they were and that they have already been awarded and everything is in motion.

Mr. Pancarella asked if that list has been published. Mr. Motyka states that he thinks that was in the paper, the low bids with the contractors names. Mr. Lutz replied that there was a list and that he can get it for him.

Mr. Varano questions if anyone else would like to be heard. No one spoke.

Mr. Varano announced that Council will now meet in executive session to discuss possible litigation.

**The Council President Bruno R. Varano states that the board met in executive session for approximately 30 minutes to discuss possible litigation.**

**THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT THE CALL OF THE CHAIR**

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**RHONDA WILK  
BOROUGH SECRETARY**

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**DATE OF APPROVAL**

