

KULPMONT BOROUGH
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 14, 2013

Opening Prayer by Councilperson Joseph A. Winhofer
The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag by the body present, Kulpmont Borough Council
Held its Regular Monthly Meeting Tuesday May 14, 2013.

Roll call was taken and the following members were present: Mayor Myron F. Turlis, Nicholas Bozza, Clarence Deitrick, Stephanie Niglio, Philip Scicchitano, Bruno R. Varano, Joseph A. Winhofer, and Stephen Motyka.

APPOINTED POSITIONS: Borough Solicitor William C. Cole, Treasurer Paul A. Niglio, Borough Supervisor George Malakoski and Fire Chief Raymond Siko.

PRESENT: Code Official Russ Moroz, Borough Secretary Rhonda Wilk.

OTHERS PRESENT: Joe Politza, Ali Varano, Jordan Winhofer, Paige Hornug, Lisa Varano, Rich Cooper, Bob Chesney, Joseph A Pawcezella, Bob Daniels, Elizabeth Cooper, Cameron Getchy, Peyton Worhach, Natasha Nevis, Jessica Pachuski, Hannah Fetterolf, Sharon Styer, Isabella Stellar, Jen Bollick, Chris Stellar, Tammy Nevis, Ed Stellor, Walter Lutz and Jim Karns.

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

PRESIDENTS REPORT (Bruno R. Varano)

Mr. Varano presents and reads Resolution #696 to the The Performers of the Mount Carmel Grease Musical.

RESOLUTION #696

WHEREAS, Kulpmont Borough Council is proud to recognize The Mount Carmel Area Music Department, the CAST, ENSAMBLE, CREW and PIT ORCHESTRA of "GREASE" the Musical, and

WHEREAS, the Stage and Musical Direction by Sharon L. Styer, Stage Construction and Detailing by David McFee and Choreography by Gary Wychock and all whom made this musical most enjoyable, and.

WHEREAS, with discipline, commitment, dedication and rigorous work "GREASE" the Musical was made possible and enjoyed by all and the Borough of Kulpmont recognize the Cast Members in this spectacular musical as;

CAST

Miss Lynch - Joanna Rompallo
Patty Simcox - Kathryn Fest
Eugene Florczyk - Douglas Cole
Marty - Tara Demko
Doody - Cody Deitz
Kenickie - Daniel Lesko
Sandy Dumbrowski - Jessica Pachuski
Sonny LaTierre -Christopher Stellar
Patrick
Johnny Casino - Luke Duceman
Matos
Jan - Isabella Stellar
Betty Rizzo - Alexzndria McLeod
Roger - Luke Darrup
Frenchy - Hannah Fetterolf
Danny Zuko -Eric Joraskie
Vince Fontaine - Dylan
Cha-Cha DiGregorio-Chelsea
Teen Angel -Jared Maciejewski

PIT ORCHESTRA

Piano/Conductor-Sharon Styer
Tenor Saxophone-Christopher Lahr
Bass-Dennis Carpenter
Tenor Saxophone-Jason Laczkoski
Guitar-Bret Getty
Percussion-Bernard Stellar

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kulpmont Borough Council acknowledges the performance, dedication and now congratulate the Cast, Ensemble, Crew, PIT Orchestra and everyone involved in a great theatrical performance.

ADOPTED ON THIS THE 14th DAY OF MAY, 2013

Members of Council congratulate all involved in this musical. Sharon Styer thanks council and states that much hard work went into the musical and the kids put forth a great effort and they have enjoyed the musical very much.

Mr. Varano states that he would now like to present a resolution to the Lady Tornadoes and reads aloud Resolution #697 to the MCA Lady Tornadoes.

RESOLUTION #697

WHEREAS, Kulpmont Borough Council members are proud to recognize the Lady Tornadoes Basketball Team on their outstanding performance, and

WHEREAS, under the expert guidance of Head Coach Lisa Varano and assisted by Frank Bolick and Gary Spears, and

WHEREAS, for the third time the Lady Tornadoes Varsity Basketball team was District Champions and Heartland Division II Champions advancing to the State Playoffs and won the first round State Playoff game vs. GAR and the team being comprised of;

	<i>Varsity</i>	<i>Team Captains</i>
<i># 4 Jennifer Bolick</i>	<i># 14 Christina Perles</i>	<i># 32 Anna Raybuck</i>
<i># 10 Paige Hornug</i>	<i># 20 Darla Hood</i>	<i>#13 Alison Varano</i>
<i># 12 Jordan Winhofer</i>	<i># 21 Marisa Montgomery</i>	
<i>#35 Bridget Dunkel</i>	<i>#22 Marissa Klinger</i>	
	<i># 23 Isabella Stellar</i>	

	<i>Junior Varsity</i>	
<i>Madison Watkins</i>	<i>Jacquelin Lyden</i>	<i>Darla Hood</i>
<i>Jessie Gibson</i>	<i>Jennifer Bolick</i>	<i>Jordan Winhofer</i>
<i>Brianne Graff</i>	<i>Isabella Stellar</i>	<i>Alison Parker</i>

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kulpmont Borough Council acknowledges the stellar athleticism, sportsmanship, and dedication of these champions and congratulate the Lady Tornados and Coaches on their championship season.

ADOPTED ON THIS THE 14th DAY OF MAY, 2013

Mr. Varano again congratulates the team. Head Coach Lisa Varano thanks council on behalf of the team and states that it is always an honor when the community recognizes the accomplishments of the Girls Basketball Team.

Mrs. Niglio congratulates the team and comments to keep up the good work and that council hopes to see them back next year.

Mr. Varano states the a motion is needed to adopt Resolution #698 to L.A.T.S, Lower Anthracite Transportation System and certify that the borough will provide Mount Carmel Borough/LATS local funds in the amount of \$384.00 to match state funds provided pursuant to 74 Pa. C.S. Section 1513 in Fiscal Year 2013-14

MOTION- Mr. Winhofer makes the motion and is seconded by Mr. Deitrick to adopt resolution 698 L.A.T.S. for the 2013-2014 year.

VOICE VOTE-

Unanimous

Mr. Varano states that Resolution #699 changing the registration fees now imposed on the landlord. Mr. Motyka states that we are changing the language, this will read as follows:

RESOLUTION #699

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF KULPMONT, NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA APPROVING AND ADOPTING, AT A REGULAR MEETING DULY ASSEMBLED, HEREBY ADOPTS THIS RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, The Borough of Kulpmont (the “Borough”) charged with the regulation of Ordinances in the Borough of Kulpmont and specifically passes this resolution to regulate Ordinance 2010-2.

WHEREAS, the imposition of fees for Ordinance 2010-2 are now imposed and may be changed from time to time by the Borough:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Borough imposes a \$120.00 Registration fee per year for each rental unit in the Borough; the borough impose a \$50.00 per occupancy inspection fee for each such inspection and a \$25.00 fee for each subsequent inspection of the same property; the Borough imposes a fee of \$300.00 for each appeal to the Rental Unit Board of Appeals. All fees shall be paid to the Borough of Kulpmont.

REPEALER

All Resolutions contrary to this Resolution are hereby repealed.

This Resolution is adopted by a vote of (6) members in favor, (1) members opposed, (0) members abstained and (0) members absent this 14th day of May, 2013.

ADOPTED ON THIS THE 14th DAY OF MAY 2013

MOTION- To adopt resolution 699 to change the landlord registration fees per unit by Mr. Motyka and seconded by Mr. Winhofer.

ROLL CALL VOTE-

BOZZA (yes), DEITRICK (no), MOTYKA (yes), NIGLIO (yes), SCHICCHITANO (yes), VARANO (yes), WINHOFER (yes)
6 YEAS – 1 NAY

MAYORS REPORT (Myron F. Turlis)

Mayor Turlis states that he would like council to take into consideration that under section of the Landlord Tenant Ordinance Section 6 under closure of rental units that he feels we need to add in to put more teeth in this ordinance.

Mayor Turlis states that the way it reads is that any rental property that is subject to the closure can be closed up to six months, not will be it states can be. He states that he would like to see that changed to state that any rental property that is closed for any of the

issues under section 6 remain closed for one year and states that he would like to see in the ordinance that any other property that the landlord has and when they become available for rent that they also be closed for one year.

Mayor Turlis states that he feels that this is the only way that we are going to stop some of the nonsense with some of these landlords that are just thumbing their nose at us and bringing all of this garbage into this town and creating headaches for all of our people. I do not need it acted on tonight, I would like you to mull it over and have an opinion for the next months meeting.

Mayor Turlis states that he would like to remind all of the residents and pedestrians on Chestnut Street that the pedestrian devices are out and that it is state law that you must yield to pedestrians and states that we will be enforcing that.

Mayor Turlis states that he would like to remind people to cut their grass and trim their weeds, we do not want to fine you we would rather see you cut the grass or pay someone to cut the grass rather than pay a fine.

Mayor Turlis announces that the flags were received for Chestnut Street and states the flags are scheduled to go up next week. He state that we received two generous donations on from the Kulpmont American Legion in the amount of \$25.00 and one from a Kulpmont resident Mr. Aldo Mirarchi and he gave a donation of \$175.00. Mayor Turlis states letters were sent thanking them for their generous donations.

The Mayor states that the Mother Pauline sponsored Circus which is held every year down at the Veterans Memorial Complex will be held on Tuesday June 11th with shows being held at 5:30 PM and 7:30 PM.

Mayor Turlis states that he would like to remind residents of the ordinance 2012-2 outlines what is required as far as fire pits go and state that he encourages residents to review the ordinance and to adhere to it.

SECRETARY REPORT (Rhonda Wilk)

Rhonda Wilk states that a motion is needed to approve the meeting minutes from the April 9th regular monthly meeting and the minutes from the April 23rd meeting.

MOTION- to approve the minutes from the April 9th and the April 23rd meetings by Mr. Motyka and seconded by Mr. Deitrick.

VOICE VOTE-

Unanimous

TREASURERS REPORT (Paul A. Niglio)

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

MOTION- Mr. Motyka makes the motion and is 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), SCHICCHITANO (yes), VARANO (yes), WINHOFER (yes)

7 YEAS – 0 NAY

SOLICITORS REPORT (William C. Cole)

No Report, The solicitor states that he is requesting to meet in executive session at the end of the meeting.

POLICE CHIEFS REPORT (Richard L. Wilson, III)

Police report, Attachment 2

FIRE CHIEFS REPORT (Raymond Siko)

Fire Chiefs report, Attachment 3

Mr. Scicchitano questions the Mr. Siko on when the circus is in town if they fire department and the fire police will be available to provide traffic control and what is needed at the Veterans Memorial Field.

Mr. Siko states that they will be available and provide whatever service is needed.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (Kevin O’Hearn)

No Report

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

Mr. Bielskie states that he will have a report for next months meeting.

CODE/HEALTH ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS REPORT (Russ Moroz)

Mr. Moroz states that he would just again like to remind residents to cut their grass and states keep it clean and save some green.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (Philip Scicchitano)

No Report

SERVICE/FACILITIES COMMITTEE (Nicholas Bozza)

Mr. Bozza states that the food surplus will be held on Thursday May 23rd from 8 a.m. until 12:00 noon.

Mr. Bozza states that a date will need to be set for the ribbon cutting for the playground.

Mr. Motyka states that it is his understanding that we should confirm the date with DCNR. Mr. Deitrick states that we should select a couple dates and go from their.

Mr. Varano states that a couple dates will be good, because the first date may not work for DCNR.

Mr. Varano states to discuss and select the tentative dates and then to let Rhonda know and we will contact Rob from The News Item with the date when set.

FINANCE/PURCHASING COMMITTEE (Stephen Motyka)

No Report

CODE/HEALTH and SAFETY COMMITTEE (Bruno R. Varano)

No Report

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE (Stephanie Niglio)

Mrs. Niglio states that she does not have anything but questions on the Mayor's suggestion to change that ordinance and directs a question to the solicitor on if anything can be done at this point.

Mr. Cole states that the first step is to draft a new ordinance and then a motion to advertise the amendment. The Council and the Mayor would have to review on what the amendment would be.

Mr. Varano suggests getting a committee meeting to review this.

GRANTS/RECREATION COMMITTEE (Clarence H. Deitrick)

Mr. Deitrick states that we have working security cameras at the playground now and states that hopefully there will not be any vandalism and if so, we will have them on tape.

Mr. Deitrick asks that if anyone sees any vandalism occurring to call the police department.

Mr. Deitrick states that time and money was put into the playground and this was something the borough did not have for the kids anymore and now we have something really nice and we do not want to see anyone abuse it.

Mr. Motyka states that he would like to thank Mr. Keith Tamborelli he installed that system for us.

Mrs. Niglio states that she would like to also remind residents that there are signs located at the playground stating no pets, bicycles and such but states that however she still has received call about people being in there with their pets.

Mrs. Niglio asks residents that if they see someone with pets or bicycles in that area to please point out the signs and make them aware that it is not allowed.

Mr. Deitrick states that he would also like to announce that the community yard sale will be held on June 22nd from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. with the rain date being June 29th.

Mr. Deitrick states that the yard sale banners are in need of being replaced.

MOTION- by Mr. Deitrick and seconded by Mr. Motyka to order new banners from Win Signs and Graphics for the yard sale not to exceed \$150.00.

VOICE VOTE-

6 YEAS, Mr. Winhofer abstain

Mr. Varano questions if anyone knows the date of the car cruise. Council members agree that the date was set for June 30th.

Mr. Varano states that the yard sale will not be held the same weekend as the cruise and asks Mr. Deitrick if he would like to consider changing the date of the sale.

Mr. Deitrick states he is fine with June 22nd and states that a rain date would then be on July 4th weekend and asks how other members of council feel.

Council was in agreement to set the yard sale date as June 22nd.

BUILDING COMMITTEE (Stephen Motyka)

The land that we purchased and received in negotiating with the Susquehanna Coal Company will need to be released for bore and soil testing.

MOTION- Mr. Motyka makes the motion and is seconded by Mr. Deitrick to release the land for bore and soil testing.

Mr. Deitrick states that we purchased the land and states that he just wants to clarify that the land was donated to the Borough.

Mr. Varano states that we did pay \$1.00 for the land, but it was a donation.

ROLL CALL VOTE-

BOZZA (yes), DEITRICK (yes), MOTYKA (yes), NIGLIO (yes), SCHICCHITANO (yes), VARANO (yes), WINHOFER (yes)

7 YEAS – 0 NAY

SENIOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (Winhofer, Varano and Deitick)

No Report

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Varano wishes all a happy Memorial Day

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Robert Chesney states that he has been a citizen of Kulpmont his whole life. Mr. Chesney states that as many on Council know he is away and out of town four months out of the year. He states that the new building that is being proposed as he states he understands the cost will be over a million dollars, 1.4 million or somewhere in that neighborhood. Mr. Chesney states that as he has mentioned to some members of council that Friday evening he just went out and placed petitions at local establishments and randomly talked to residents of the borough and states that he did not go house to house.

Mr. Chesney states that as he had done this he has an excess amount of people that are not pleased and passed around pages of the signed petition. Mr. Chesney states that most people were not anti-new facility; they are anti-the million dollar facility and all that is being asked is to cease and desists on the present action that is happening right now until possibly you can revisit that. Mr. Chesney asks if the true cost of this project is 1.4, 1.5 million dollars.

Mr. Varano replied that we do not know and states how do you know until you put it out for bid.

Mr. Chesney states that then there was no action taken.

Mr. Varano replied no that it is not correct to state no action was taken and states that we were approved for a one million four hundred and seventy thousand dollars USDA 40 year loan at 3.125%.

Mr. Chesney asks if it is correct that there will be no grant money at all.

Mr. Varano states that is correct, there is no grant money that is available.

Mr. Chesney states so this will be all loan and no grant money at all and this will be just an over one million dollar loan that is going to be placed on the population of Kulpmont just to get a new meeting facility.

Mr. Varano states that it is not a meeting facility; it is a new Borough Complex.

Mr. Varano states that it will house our Maintenance Department, Police Department, Administrative Building, Senior Citizens plus a meeting room.

Mr. Winhofer states that our police department operates out of a cave, very unsecure.

Mr. Chesney states that he would like to refer back again 40 years ago when our population was two and a half times of what it is right now, we had the fire station, the fire social, city hall the Mayor office and a jail all in one facility and that was just torn down and that the population was two times as now.

Mr. Chesney states he is not saying we do not need a new facility but questions if all of the anticipated renovations been produced, listed and made available for anyone to see what it would cost to bring this building up to date.

Mr. Varano states that we had two engineers in here one from the Mount Carmel School District and our own and they told us to bring the wrecking ball in here.

Mr. Varano states that it would cost too much to bring this building up to code. Mr. Varano states that it is cheaper to build a new building.

Mr. Winhofer states that we are not just building this building. He states that we have dump trucks and a street sweeper, recycling trailers that sit outside and rust, a backhoe that sits outside and rusts because we have no place to store them.

Mr. Winhofer states that the police department operates in a room about the size of the meeting room and states that there are no cameras and nothing between you and the police department right now if something should breakout, just drywall stands between you and the police department and comments again that it is very unsecure.

Mr. Chesney states that he did not want to downplay that and states he did understand that is in, however in one report it did say that the office space would possibly be bided out and the maintenance building may be \$100,000.00 and states that the thing that probably got him the most was not only the super expense that is going to fall on the population of this town in which probably over 60% are of 60 years or older in age.

Mr. Winhofer interjects and states that what he and the people need to do is to contact your states legislators and senators and have them repeal the prevailing wage act, which is what is driving that cost of that building up. Mr. Winhofer states that what should cost us \$300,000.00 is costing us \$800,000.00; it's the prevailing wage act.

Mr. Chesney states that possibly at this stage we should wait and let that prevailing wage act go up and not play tug of war.

Mr. Motyka states that he totally believes in the prevailing wage act and states that people do need to make a family sustaining living.

Mr. Winhofer states that it is not the act itself, its set at \$25,000.00 and asks what you can build today for \$25,000.00 and states that it should be raised to \$100,000.00.

Mr. Chesney states that the other issue was not only the cost but the location.

Mr. Chesney states that the preparation for the site is going to be well over \$300,000.00 just to prepare the site.

Mr. Winhofer states that the reason that cost so much is because of needing to have retention ponds for the rain, the rain needs to go somewhere. Mr. Winhofer states that cost is not to bulldoze the land and to dig the footer.

Mr. Chesney states that whatever it may be it is still going to cost us \$300,000.00 and asks if there is no other sites in this town that are available.

Mr. Varano states not big enough and not that are free.

Mr. Deitrick states that the cost would be the same and wouldn't change at a different site anyway.

Mr. Winhofer states we have to put down retention ponds, we are being made to do that and states that no matter what when it rains you have to do something with it.

Mr. Chesney states that another tract of land in town you would have to put in a retention pond because of the rain, for example across from Saint Cashmeres a retention pond would have to go in there.

Mr. Winhofer states yes, you have to put the rain somewhere.

Mr. Chesney states that Bressi's building cannot be turned into offices, and states again no tug of war but in the course of the day how many people are going to utilize this million dollar building.

Mr. Chesney states that he wants Rhonda to have all of the comforts she possibly can and wants the Mayor to come in and have a nice facility and the cops to be safe, sure.

Mrs. Niglio states that the Mayor does not even have an office in the new building.

Mr. Chesney states that he just feels it is much to much money and when he randomly spoke to people and with the numerous phone calls that he received at home and states that if they were to use a straw vote like the ones that the newspapers have in he states that in speaking to 130 people four people did not want to give a yes response.

Mr. Chesney states that the vast number of majority in this town do not want a one million dollar building.

Mr. Varano asks what he would rather council do, to put \$800,000.00 into this building and then still have to build a maintenance building down on that property and do the site work and put the drainage in. Mr. Varano states that it still is going to cost us money.

Mr. Chesney states why then can't another pole building be put out back by the current one.

Mr. Winhofer states that we have the salt shed there, where would we put the salt.

Mr. Chesney states to move it out more then, you have the parking lot.

Mr. Winhofer states that we do not even own this property.

Mr. Chesney states that he knows that the school district owns it. Mr. Chesney states that he is not really pleased with over one million dollars and states that he does not think they can afford it. Mr. Chesney states that he went out and the vast majority of the people he spoke with are against this.

Mrs. Niglio states that council meets every month and only two individuals came to every single meeting to tell us their thoughts about this building and there is not one other person who came to say a word, so I could go to a bar and ask 100 people to sign a paper which I would believe most of them would not even know what they were signing.

Mr. Chesney states that he explained it to every person.

Mrs. Niglio replied no, you couldn't have taken the time to get all of those signatures.

Mr. Chesney states that he did, he certainly did and if you would like pick out a number and we can call them.

Mrs. Niglio states maybe you did.

Mr. Varano states that the savings with a new building will help to pay for itself. Mr. Varano states that when your taking those petitions around you have to tell the whole story to them on how much will be saved.

Mr. Varano states the heating alone will probably save \$15,000.00 a year, the phone system \$7,000.00, electricity and the savings in maintenance.

Mr. Chesney states that he has been out of town and it is his fault, but now that it is getting down to push and shove and nothing has been overly committed, maybe it is time to step back take a breath and look at it and is there something other that can be done.

Mr. Varano states that we are committed; you are saying we are not overly committed. Mr. Varano states that we are not overly committed as to over \$100,000.00 yet, but we are committed.

Mr. Chesney states that \$100,000.00 is less than one million. He thanks council for their time and states that he just wanted to bring the voices of the people in the street and you can talk to any name on here, they are all very concerned.

Mr. Chesney states that it is a heck of a lot of money and Mr. Varano is right in the fact that they may not know the amount of money that is spent here. Mr. Chesney asks if we need to jump into something that big.

Mr. Varano states that we did not just jump into this, it took us over a year for the application to USDA plus we explored other properties in this town.

Mr. Deitrick comments it has been over four years now. Mr. Chesney questions the location of the Bressi building and asks if it is feasible.

Mr. Varano states he does not think so.

Joseph A. Pawcezella questions down where the Veterans field is.

Mr. Varano states that it is in a flood plain and states that you can't do it.

Mr. Chesney states that he is just bringing what he felt and hundreds of people that felt the same way and states that he did it in just a matter of two days and states that if he did go door to door he thinks it would have been overwhelming.

Mr. Chesney states that they should have came to a meeting to know about the information, but the guys that have been on this board for a long time knows that they don't come and two or three people show up each month for a meeting.

Mr. Chesney states these people feel as he does and they are saying that we do not need an elaborate building, all we need is a roof to have a meeting, a police department the size of this meeting room and put up steel walls whatever is needed to make it secure.

Mr. Winhofer states that it is not an elaborate building and asks if he had priced materials lately and states that today were saying 1.4 million and ten years ago it may have been \$300,000.00 the price of materials doubled and tripled.

Mr. Chesney states that is why he is saying to try and find a sound building.

Mr. Varano states look at what the East End just spent on their building and they do not have any ground.

Mr. Motyka states that they did not have to pay prevailing wage either.

Mr. Chesney states that as a comparison Mount Carmel Township is twice our size area wise and possibly twice our population and they are working out of a double wide trailer and have been for years.

Mr. Varano replied duly noted.

Mr. Robert Daniels states that a very large segment of our people are senior citizens and are on fixed incomes some are disabled, black lung or disability.

Mr. Daniels states that the average factory worker is probably getting around \$800.00 per month and for many it is less. The majority of these people do pay taxes.

Mr. Daniels states the Federal Government indicated in a recent report that about 49% of the population in this Country that is on entitlements, unemployment compensation, welfare, pension, food stamps and that does not leave a lot of working class tax payers to pay for this building.

Mr. Daniels states that businesses are going down and closing up, the postal service, schools closing this is definitely a depressed area.

Mr. Daniels states that people are moving out rather than moving in.

Mr. Daniels state that the population of Northumberland County is decreasing. He states that he feels a more thorough review should be made of financial resources before a commitment is made of one million dollars.

Mr. Daniels states that this country is 17 trillion dollars in debt right now and that many cities are going bankrupt because of ridiculous spending and pension plans they cannot afford to pay such as Harrisburg.

Mr. Daniels addresses Council and states that they are doing a good job otherwise and states he appreciates it and the Street Department in cleaning up the streets and such but we cant afford this.

Mr. Lutz states that he has been here several times and he states that he came here to the Borough and read over the loan application and states that there are some errors on it. He states that somebody signed off that there were no alterative locations at an affordable price, something of that nature.

Mr. Lutz states that the other thing was that the property was purchased and the discussion on that was that it was donated.

Mr. Lutz questions which is it, was it purchased or donated.

Mr. Lutz states that his point is that all of those questions are although material in nature in the granting of the loan and so if there is a misstatement or something of that nature the Department of Agriculture needs to be notified. Mr. Lutz states that another thing was an opinion that there was no other property available and states that he believes that the Architect signed off on that one and questions which Architect that was.

Mr. Winhofer states that was the State Architect.

Mr. Lutz states so concerning the opinion there is no alternative at a reasonable cost and questions where the research is on that.

Mr. Varano responded with questioning Mr. Lutz on how many times we are going to go through this and states that he is not going to discuss and explain this time and time again.

Mr. Lutz responded with that Mr. Varano just said someone was down from the school district and an Engineer to look at the building and asks where that is in writing.

Mr. Lutz states that Mr. Deitrick admitted in a meeting that the cost of renovations were verbal.

Mr. Lutz asks where is the grant that Mr. Winhofer stated that he was going to get at a public meeting.

Mr. Winhofer questions when he said he was going to get a grant.

Mr. Lutz states at a public meeting and states that he will dig out the article where he states he was getting a grant.

Mr. Lutz states that there are errors in that application.

Mr. Varano states that there were no other places available.

Mr. Lutz questions Mr. Varano on the property behind here.

Mr. Varano questions why we would want to buy property when we own property.

Mr. Lutz states that so you would take out a loan for 1.47 million dollars.

Mr. Varano questions Mr. Lutz if he knows that for sure and if he did research and what it would cost to bring that building up to code and if he did research.

Mr. Lutz states that he talked to an engineer and it would be less than 1.47 million dollars that was a verbal.

Mr. Varano states that was a verbal and Mrs. Niglio states that we need it in writing.

Mr. Lutz states that it is just as good as what they are saying. He questions how many mills the increase will be.

Mr. Varano states that all total it is probably 5.5 mills and considering what we are going to realize in savings will be cover approximately 3.5 mills and we will probably going to have to raise taxes 2 mills.

Mr. Winhofer states that if we stay in this building we are probably going to have to raise taxes just to cover the increase in cost in this building.

Mr. Motyka states that he is on the finance committee and he has spent hours looking over the cost and is skeptical that we will need to raise taxes.

Mr. Lutz asks if the borough will raise taxes or not.

Mr. Varano states that he would imagine that we are going to have to raise those 2 mills and states 2 mills is \$26000.00.

Mr. Winhofer states that he will be paying higher taxes on two properties and that he is raising his own taxes.

Mr. Varano states that he is on a fixed income.

Mr. Lutz states that this has not been thought out.

Mr. Deitrick asks if four years is not thought out.

Mr. Varano addresses Mr. Lutz and asks him to summarize and give someone else a chance to speak.

Mr. Lutz states that there are issues with the application and who can tell us the exact increase.

Mr. Lutz states that council commented that \$100,000.00 has been invested and Mr. Lutz states that in economics that is known as a sunk cost and is irrelevant.

Mr. Varano states that it may be irrelevant to him but it is not to council.

Mr. Lutz states it is irrelevant to people who know economics, it is a dumped cost.

Mr. Varano comments that Mr. Lutz is an economic genius.

Mr. Lutz replied yes I am.

Mr. Bielskie comments as a building code inspector about the cost of what his building cost to build and what is required as far as the law and as far as the water retention he will back up the Borough on how this is being done because these costs are necessary.

Paul Niglio states that he lives at 713 Spruce Street and states that he would like to address speakers here concerning the fact that most of the residents could not afford to pay a tax increase. He states that group get reimbursed for their taxes, they don't pay taxes they get reimbursed and as far as an increase goes, this group will be reimbursed for their taxes so this group should not be used as an argument, the entitlements do not count here.

Mr. Niglio states that you are talking about yourself and me and those that will be paying the increase.

Mr. Niglio states that the point is that you have to make an investment in your community.

Mr. Niglio states that he is making an investment, he is building a new house and these people here are young and they have families and they are paying the taxes also.

Mr. Niglio states that these are people you elected to make that decision and that is something they have to decide.

Mr. Niglio states that he is not saying it is wrong or right to build a new building, they have to decide. Mr. Niglio states that they have been versed financial from day one. The question was how we pay for it, what we can afford and then they were given the information and so it was not the other way around.

Mr. Niglio states that everyone here knows what they were doing, it was not just something that they just decided to do and it was not an easy decision to make but that is councils decision, they are elected.

The Borough Solicitor William C. Cole states that the board met in executive session for approximately one hour forty minutes to discuss contractual, personnel and possible litigation matters.

MOTION- Mrs. Niglio makes the motion and is seconded by Mr. Deitrick to donate \$75.00 to the Odyssey of the Minds MCA World Finals.

VOICE VOTE-

Unanimous

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT THE CALL OF THE CHAIR

**RHONDA WILK
BOROUGH SECRETARY**

DATE OF APPROVAL