

**KULPMONT BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 8, 2015**

Opening Prayer by Councilperson Stephanie Niglio
The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag by body present, Kulpmont Borough Council held
its regular monthly meeting Tuesday September 8, 2015.

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

ABSENT: Councilperson Philip Scicchitano and Borough Solicitor William C. Cole.

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

OTHER PRESENT: Barry Fetterman, Joe Politza and Peter Long.

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

No one spoke

PRESIDENTS REPORT (Bruno R. Varano)

No Report

MAYORS REPORT (Bernard P. Novakoski)

The Mayor states that he is in the process of trying to start a special police force. Mayor Novakoski states that the problems with the fire company and all of the bull that he is going through with them, they are not worth it.

The Mayor states that way these guys can assist the police when they are out with the sweeper and they can write the tickets and that way we can get some volunteers that can help and answer the phone at night. Mayor Novakoski states that he is trying to work with a guy down in Sheltingham and states that he has been doing it for twenty years and has a nice set up.

The Mayor adds that possibly next meeting he will have more information. Mr. Varano states that he is going to set up another committee, Mayor and the Treasurer, two or three people from council.

Mr. Varano states that it will be for the fire department, the police department and code officer.

Mr. Varano states that we will then have better communications with all of these entities instead of all of this crap we have been putting up with lately, so that it will not happen again.

Mr. Pete Long presented a check for \$1,000.00 to the Borough of Kulpmont from the Northumberland County Department of Recreation toward the purchase of new bleachers for up at the Stadium.

Council thanks Mr. Long.

SECRETARY REPORT (Rhonda Wilk)

Approval is needed for the meeting minutes from the August 11th meeting.

MOTION- Mr. Motyka made the motion and was seconded by Mrs. Niglio to approve the August 11th meeting minutes.

VOICE VOTE –

Unanimous

Rhonda Wilk states that correspondence was received from Susquehanna Bank and states that they have now merged with BB&T Bank. They will still operate as Susquehanna Bank until November 9th and then will be officially intergraded into BB & T Bank

Mr. Varano states that he talked with a representative from the bank today and states that they are in total disarray, they keep getting moved around and their positions changed. Mr. Varano states that is what happens when there is a take over.

TREASURERS REPORT (Paul A. Niglio, Jr.)

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

MOTION- Mr. Motyka made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Winhofer to approve the financial statement.

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

Mr. Niglio states that for the record and adds that the law requires him to report, the MMO for the pension plans for 2016, they are both zero, fully funded.

Mr. Niglio states that we have to approve a bill for the actuarial study that is done for the police pension plan and submitted to the states every two years and states that the bill is \$34.00 to be paid out of the police pension fund.

MOTION- Mr. Bozza made a motion and was seconded by Mr. Motyka to approve payment of \$34.00 for the actuarial study to be done for the police pension plan.

ROLL CALL VOTE- BOZZA (yes), DEITRICK (yes), MOTYKA (yes), NIGLIO (yes), SCICCHITANO (absent), VARANO (yes), WINHOFER (yes)
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SOLICITORS REPORT (William C. Cole)

No Report

POLICE REPORT (Michael Pitcavage)

Police report attachment #2

FIRE CHIEFS REPORT (Jeff Gilotti)

Fire Chiefs report attachment #3

Mr. Varano states that he does not see anyone here from the fire department and asks Barry Fetterman if he has anything to say from the fire department

EMERGENCY MANAGMENT (Kevin O’Hearn)

Mr. Varano states that he does not see Mr. O’Hearn.

Mrs. Niglio states that there should be a motion that if they don’t come they do not get paid.

Mr. Varano states that we did that years ago and states that all appointed or regular employees are obligated to come to this meeting unless they are working or they are sick.

Mr. Varano asks Mr. Winhofer and Mr. Deitrick if he is correct and if they remember that. Mr. Winhofer agrees.

Mrs. Niglio states that she feels out of three representatives they should be able to send one to a meeting.

Mr. Varano states that we never rescinded that and every year when you accept policies from the previous year that automatically is a policy for that year and every year there out. Mr. Varano states that will have to be discussed at one of our first meetings when we meet.

Mr. Varano reiterates to the Police Chief as he entered the room that earlier in the meeting when he was not in council chambers that he stated that he will be setting up a

committee with the Police Chief, Fire Chief, Fire Department President, Code Officer, Mayor, Treasurer and a couple representatives from council.

Mr. Pitcavage stated that he must have walked in right after that. Mr. Varano states that he is probably going to chair that committee.

BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT (Tri County COG)

Report attachment #4

CODE/HEALTH ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS REPORT (Russ Moroz)

Report attachment # 5

PERSONEL COMMITTEE (Philip Scicchitano)

No Report

SERVICE/FACILITIES COMMITTEE (Nicholas Bozza)

Mr. Bozza asks if the food surplus distribution will go in the paper because usually Rob from The News Item puts that in there.

Rhonda Wilk replied that she will have it put in and states that she always sends notification to be placed in the noteworthy section of The News Item.

Mr. Bozza states that food surplus distribution for the residents of Kulpmont this month will be held on Thursday September 17th from 8 am until 12 noon.

Mr. Bozza states that this is the last month for the street sweeper. Mr. Bozza states that probably the last week of September we will be paving 15th Street from Chestnut up to Poplar and the 800 block of Fir.

Mr. Bozza states that he and the street department and service and facilities met with the Seal Master about renting a machine to crack seal.

Mr. Bozza states that this machine is state of the art and basically the whole town can be done in a week. Mr. Bozza states that the price for the rental of the machine and about two pallets of sealer on the high end will be \$5344.00.

Mr. Bozza states that is including using our blocks of seal that we have.

Mr. Varano reiterates that is for renting the machine and the sealer. Mr. Bozza states that is correct renting the machine and the sealer for about 40 hours during the week.

Mr. Bozza states that Bruce will have to come in an hour early to heat it up so its ready for 7 o'clock or we can start at 8 or 9, whatever.

Mr. Bozza states that he recommends it, but states that he does not know if the money is there.

Mr. Varano adds that if we don't do it we are going to lose these streets.

Mr. Bozza states that the streets that we paved four years ago, they are starting to crack and need to be sealed.

The Treasurer, Mr. Niglio states that the only thing he can recommend is that you make a motion to approve it depending on our contract, because some of those numbers may come down on the unit price of our street contract, the price of oil has dropped from when we bid it.

Mr. Varano states that it is going to continue to drop from what he has been told.

Mr. Bozza states that the situation is that we have to let Seal Master know because in October is when you have got to seal and October is the month he rents these out, so we need to let him know if we want to rent this machine and we need to let him know as soon as possible.

Mr. Deitrick asked what the alternative is if we don't.

Mr. Bozza replied we are going to lose the streets.

Mr. Bozza said first of all you cannot even think about using that other machine. He states that he would have never allowed what was being done if he knew about it because they were putting propane tanks in the back of the truck because the machine is rotted out.

Mr. Bozza states that this tar buggy machine we are talking about renting has a wand and you walk right behind and it has a compressor on it.

Mr. Winhofer commented that they brought the machine up to demonstrate.

Mr. Bozza states that they will bring the machine up and spend the whole day with us.

Mr. Varano commented that you will save a lot of streets.

Mr. Deitrick states to take a look at all the cracks down on 11th Street and adds that street is lost if we don't seal that.

Mr. Varano added that we are about ready to lose that.

Mr. Bozza states that there are streets here that we cannot even seal, we won't seal. Mr. Bozza added that those are the streets that we need to pave next.

Mr. Varano said that you are talking five thousand dollars; we will find the money somewhere.

Mr. Varano directed a statement to Mr. Niglio if we have to rob Peter to pay Paul, take some of their.... you know how you do it. Mr. Niglio stated that is where those three mills are going that people keep fighting about, a non-budgeted item.

MOTION – Mr. Bozza made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Motyka to rent the seal buggy for a week for no more than \$5,500.00.

Mr. Bozza stated if there is a rain date we will have to call him and get an extra day. Bruce Graff added that he also said if we are using it and something comes up in the borough that it is an emergency he will take that day off and give another day.

Mr. Deitrick states that even if we have to do overtime for the week.

Mr. Bozza replied that this is rented for 40 hours.

Mr. Deitrick asked if there is an hour meter on the machine.

Mr. Bozza states that he may be able to squeeze another 10 hours out of it.

Mr. Deitrick said then there is an hour meter on that machine and they know if you are using it for 10 hours or 9 hours.

Mr. Bozza said that there is a meter on there I am sure.

Mr. Deitrick stated that is what he asked.

Mr. Bozza said well, he does not know if there is a meter on it or not but there probably is, he didn't really go through with a fine tooth comb and adds this thing is like a Cadillac.

Mr. Motyka added that he does not think that you suspend street sweeping next month and you keep it on the schedule so the streets are bare and the cars are moved.

Mr. Bozza states that we are going to have to post the streets.

Mr. Varano states that the streets are going to have to be sweep before and you have to get the weeds growing up through the cracks. Mr. Bozza suggested that we should run the sweeper for one more month, but I do not think we should go through the end of October.

Mr. Bozza directs Rhonda Wilk to hold off putting that street sweeper in the paper and directed Bruce Graff to talk to the guy on renting this thing and we will get together and whatever week we rent it is the week we are going to run the sweeper.

Mr. Varano replied that it is the last week of the month.

Mr. Bozza replied that you do not want to go to the last week of October.

Mr. Varano said no, you are going to want to get it this month.

Mr. Bozza said first we have to see when they are going to come in and pave. Mr. Bozza adds Street sweeping is the 24th, 25th and the 30th this month; it's a weird month this month.

Mayor Novakoski asks if they could do a pre-job where you know the weeds are sticking up so you don't have to slow down with it.

Mr. Varano replied that is what they did this month and they did a good job with it, they came through twice actually in many places.

Mr. Bozza states that he thinks what we need to do is first find out when they are coming into pave because two guys at least will be tied up with paving and blocking streets off for the pavers.

Mr. Deitrick questions why we have to be involved in that and asks if they don't do their own. Mr. Bozza replied that we usually block the streets off.

Mr. Deitrick questions why we would we have to do that; we should not be doing that. Mr. Bozza asks why. Mr. Deitrick replied that is the contractor's job to do that.

Mr. Varano added that is what we pay them for.

Mr. Niglio commented that he does not think we do enough supervising of the contractors.

Mr. Deitrick agrees and said the supervisor needs to be there yes, but not anybody else, nobody else needs to be there.

Mr. Varano said we are getting off of subject, we are talking about one thing and we are going into another.

Mr. Bozza directs Bruce Graff to find out when they are going to pave. Bruce Graff replied that it is supposed to be the 28th of the month.

Mr. Varano said that is going to definitely interfere with our plan.

Mr. Varano stated that we cannot put this thing off until next month and then it is already snow season.

Mr. Bozza said you can't seal when it is hot or when it's warm.

Mr. Varano said you are talking the 28th, 29th and 30th of October it may be snowing by then.

Mr. Bozza said we could do the second week of October and she could get it in the paper.

Mr. Varano said you have to go by what the street signs say, not everybody gets the paper.

Mr. Motyka said that he thinks it has to be the last week of October and have the cops go on the loudspeaker to have people move their cars.

Bruce Graff said it doesn't matter the signs say 9 to 3 and when the street sweeper passes the people put their cars back.

Mr. Varano said lets do it in September, let's shoot for the last week in September.

Mr. Bozza said he does not think we should do it in September.

Mr. Varano said like he said you are not going to be able to do it, you will not be able to get these people to move.

Mr. Varano added that you have a hard enough time getting them to move when it's on the signs.

Mrs. Niglio said that they are not going to pave until the 28th so you are out of luck, you can't go the last week of September if they are going to pave the last week of September.

Mr. Varano asks why and adds that they are only paving two streets and states that will not interfere; it is not like we will be sealing the streets that they will be paving.

Mr. Bozza states that everyone seals in October, that is when the state seals, it's a rule of thumb.

Mr. Motyka questions if we could get Stanley that week to help and Russ if needed.

Mr. Varano said yes, you have two guys there.

Mr. Bozza said I am not going to put Stanley or Russ on that machine.

Mr. Deitrick said they could do other jobs.

Mr. Varano said no, you are saying that you need guys to do this, this, this, and this and we are getting you guys.

Mr. Bozza directs Bruce Graff to call them up and see if we can get that machine that week and he will leave that machine here over the weekend.

Bruce Graff said he would put it in the garage.

Mr. Motyka stated that we would have to do it the 24th and 25th and wait the weekend and catch the secondary street and the side streets on the 28th and 29th.

Mr. Deitrick questioned how we keep the cars off the streets.

Mr. Bozza replied that we will need to have a cop on.

Chief Pitcavage said that we will have to start knocking on doors if we have to and we should put the orange signs up also.

Mr. Deitrick said that he feels that the Chiefs idea to put the signs up is a good one, on that given day they have to be moved from 9 am until 3 pm.

Mrs. Niglio suggests that the signs be put out a little in advance.

Mr. Deitrick added that you have two weeks to come up with a plan.

Mr. Bozza states that Barry could go ahead with the blower and blow and you could come right behind and seal.

Mr. Bozza states that he figured it out at 3 pallets with our pallets and said we will have to do the curb lines on both sides and said you have to seal everything and Mr. Bozza said he agrees.

Mr. Bozza directed Bruce Graff to call him tomorrow and see if we can get it on the 24th and 25th and then on the 28th, 29th and 30th, and tell him that is the way the schedule falls with our sweeper.

Bruce Graff states that a representative from Seal Master will be with them a day or so and make sure we know what we are doing.

Mr. Bozza said that we will see how it goes the first day and added there are a lot of streets that they are not going to be able to seal.

Mr. Varano said what we get we get. Mr. Deitrick commented that we have to concentrate on what we can do not what we can't.

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

Mr. Deitrick states that we received a recommendations report from AmeriHealth and they want us to institute a drug and alcohol policy, conduct accident investigation training and annual safety training.

Mr. Deitrick states that they did this in April and now we received a 2nd request and requested an answer in 30 days and now it is about 40 days.

Mr. Deitrick said we did have a safety policy years ago and states that he thinks we need to institute this and have Rhonda Wilk to look into doing this and it is going to save us money. The letter states that it is our goal to help you with your safety efforts and reduce your workers compensation costs, so if we institute these programs they are saying that we are going to see a reduction in our costs.

MOTION – Mr. Deitrick made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Bozza to have the secretary look into information, location and the cost of where the Borough can have Drug/Alcohol testing done.

Mr. Motyka states that these urine test probably costs several hundred dollars per test and states that he does not think we have a big enough department that would justify it.

Mr. Deitrick states that it is only for a new hire and if there is an accident or any suspicion. But it is not something that you test an employee or every employee every month. Mr. Bozza states that you mentioned a safety program. Mr. Deitrick states that you can get the safety program on line. Mr. Deitrick states that we just need to institute this and show them that we did.

Mr. Motyka commented that if you save \$1000.00 in insurance per year and it cost you \$2,000.00 to test. Mr. Motyka stated that he just wants to see the numbers.

Mr. Deitrick asked Mr. Motyka if he has seen the cost of test lately because going back a few years he knows that they are not anywhere near that.

Mr. Bozza states that he knows the guys at the pipeline its three or four hundred bucks.

Mr. Varano said that blood test are not that expensive, it's cheaper to have a blood test.

Mr. Deitrick states that the motion is only to have Rhonda look into this and a price and then we will decide.

Mr. Motyka questioned that along with the cost could we contact the insurance company and see what that saves us.

Mr. Deitrick replied sure. Mr. Varano questioned Rhonda Wilk on if we received a letter from any of the insurance companies before in previous years.

Rhonda Wilk responded that this is pretty new us being with AmeriHealth, other insurance companies have made suggestions but have never pushed it.

Mr. Varano states now this reads that our insurance will probably go up and asks if that is correct.

Rhonda Wilk replied no, it doesn't say that it will go up or it will go down.

Mr. Deitrick stated that it reads that their goal is to help the borough with its safety efforts and reduce your workers compensation costs.

Mr. Deitrick states that the workers compensation costs would be injuries.

Mr. Varano states that he thinks right now and asks Mr. Winhofer if he recalls that we have a policy that if you get hurt, you have to get checked out.

Mr. Winhofer states that any injury or accident, it's in there now.

Mr. Deitrick states that we have not done that in years though.

Mr. Varano said that it is in our policy, we don't have to institute a policy because we already have one.

Mr. Deitrick states that we have to start enforcing it.

Mr. Varano replied absolutely and added that we do not have anybody getting hurt.

Mr. Varano said no, we have had trips to the hospital, a couple of them in the last couple of years.

Mr. Varano questioned if they got tested when they were hurt.

Mr. Deitrick referred that question to Bruce Graff. Bruce Graff responded that they did not.

Mr. Varano states that is mainly if you run it through workman's comp, you have to get tested.

Mr. Varano stated that they are suppose to get tested it is in our policy.

Bruce Graff said that he didn't get tested when he went to the doctor and states that he went to Doc Kraynak.

Mr. Varano questioned if he is the Doctor that is listed on the paper downstairs.

Rhonda Wilk stated that he is listed on our designated health care sheet.

Mr. Deitrick said lets just find what the costs are; we are going to need it anyway according to our policy, if it is in our policy.

Mr. Varano said that he is just saying that it is part of the non-uniform workers employee policy and states that it is in there, and that he knows that it is in there.

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

Mr. Varano states that he was informed by Ray Shimko the other day, and he was supposed to have a letter here for the meeting that he wanted to have a bon fire on the 26th of September he believes.

Mr. Bozza said that he called him two weeks ago and questions Rhonda Wilk if he ever dropped off the letter. Rhonda Wilk replied that she did not receive a letter.

Mr. Varano stated that he saw him on Saturday and he said he was going to drop a letter off. Mr. Varano said that he told him we need it for the meeting so that we can arrange it with the fire department to be up there and with our guys.

Mr. Bozza said that he thinks that we should approve it whenever it is, because the next meeting will be too late. Mr. Bozza states that he will make a motion to approve the meeting. Mr. Varano said that you have to make sure that there is fire protection up there.

MOTION- Mr. Bozza made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Deitrick to approve the bon fire provided that they have fire protection.

VOICE VOTE –

Unanimous

FINANCE AND PURCHASING COMMITTEE (Stephen Motyka)

Mr. Motyka states that we should have approval from the Susquehanna bank in two days on the loan.

Mr. Motyka asks Mr. Varano if he is going to reach out to Mick Ward about an extension on the sales agreement.

Mr. Varano states that he did call him today but he did not yet return his call.

Mr. Varano replied that he is going to ask for an extension until the end of the month on that thirty day sales agreement that we had, that is already expired.

Mr. Varano said that he does not see any problem with getting an extension as long as they are getting their money they don't care.

CODE/HEALTH/SAFETY COMMITTEE (Philip Scicchitano)

No Report

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE (Stephanie Niglio)

Mrs. Niglio states that she is going to make a motion to advertise four new ordinances 2015-02 is a new one excavation permit.

Mrs. Niglio states that council did make a change and is going to take out section IV and states that she will revise them.

Mrs. Niglio states that on the 2015-03 which is the building permit we have to put that schedule in there, the dollar amounts need to be added, and the contractor registration fee which is 2015-04 which is an Excavation Ordinance which is a new one and states that we are going to amend our Oversize Vehicle Ordinance 2015-05.

Mrs. Niglio states that we need to amend that to include the North and South Streets also, which some of them are narrower in the borough.

Mrs. Niglio states that it will read to include 5th, 6th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th and 15th Street. Mrs. Niglio states that the only outstanding ordinance that she will have then will be the Landlord Ordinance and landlord registration fees and states that she will still have to go over that one with Bill Cole.

Mr. Varano states that he overheard Mr. Winhofer concerning the Excavation Ordinance and states that he is right, we were suppose to add to that Excavation Permit that all excavation meets PennDOT recommendations.

Mr. Varano states that we were going to add that part that PennDOT reads.

Mr. Winhofer agrees.

Mr. Varano states that we were going to add their specifications right into the ordinance which is what 10 pages, 30 pages.

Mr. Winhofer said, you're just referencing it.

Mr. Varano said that is correct, just referencing it.

Mrs. Niglio asks Mr. Winhofer if he can give her the exact wording and where you want it so that we can include it.

Mr. Winhofer states that his guess is that it would go in Section II because you are listing the fee and your listing the bond.

Mr. Varano asks if it states somewhere that you are restoring it back to its original.

Mr. Winhofer states that you could add a C., and say that all work will be per current PennDOT specifications.

Mr. Paul Niglio questions what handbook, you can just say PennDOT handbook.

Mr. Winhofer questions why not.

Mr. Niglio states that there are too many of them.

Mr. Winhofer adds that we can look at it.

Mr. Bozza adds that you have to say PennDOT specs section whatever, handbook..... Mr. Winhofer states that he would look it up now if we had wifi in this place. Mr. Niglio states that we do. Mr. Winhofer replied, good luck.

MOTION- Mrs. Niglio made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Deitrick to advertise 2015-02, 2015-03, 2015-04 and 2015-05 new ordinances after they are corrected.

Mr. Varano states that he takes that we can advertise them, and adds that we all know what the changes are.

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

GRANTS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE (Clarence H. Deitrick)

Mr. Deitrick states that our truck is finished up at Bradco and they asked if they could use our truck at their annual show on the 10th, so we should have the truck the following week.

Mr. Varano questions if he is talking the 10th this Thursday.

Mr. Deitrick states that is correct.

Bruce Graff states that he said that they will deliver it here and somebody will have to sign for it.

Mr. Deitrick states that he thinks it has to go to Sunbury Ford.

Bruce Graff states that he said he will bring it here and will have all of the paperwork to sign.

Mr. Deitrick states that someone will be here to sign for it, Mr. Varano could sign, he himself can or Rhonda Wilk could sign it.

Mr. Deitrick states that our Atlantic Sunrise grant for roughly \$10,000.00 for upgrading the police department is still pending.

Mr. Deitrick directed a statement to the Mayor concerning that grant; the Chief could fill you in since you have been out of town.

Mr. Deitrick states that is still pending and states that we have not heard a yes or a no on that.

Mr. Deitrick states that a week or two ago we met with Rep. Kurt Masser on the sink hole at 6th Street and states that he is going to look for funding for us and Fire Department consolidation money and he is going to look into that as well.

Mr. Deitrick states that we have a problem with the CDBG Grants now and adds that we are a non-entitlement community so we do not get the guaranteed money that Mount Carmel and Shamokin does.

Mr. Deitrick states that according to the 2010 census we are above the low income line for eligibility for the grant money that the county gets.

Mr. Deitrick states that we are not entitled but we can't have any of that pot, so we are kind of in a bit of a bind unless we have projects to a specific area such as 8th Street.

Mr. Deitrick states that storm water project just impacted a certain area and when we did an income study in just that certain area we were eligible, but as the whole town goes according to the 2010 census we are not eligible and that is what they are using, he is going to look into that for us as well.

Mr. Deitrick states that today he met with Jamie Stawser from Seda-Cog for possible funding for that 6th Street project and she is going to look into doing an income study in that area and see if we will be eligible.

Mr. Deitrick states that also Bill Segal also with Seda-Cog works with Boroughs on Fire Station consolidations and is currently helping Jersey Shore consolidate their fire stations. Mr. Deitrick states that there are monies out there because FEMA just gave Upper Augusta \$235,000.00 for a truck.

Mr. Deitrick states that our housing grants, basically how it has to be is someone from the grantee has to attend these meetings on the 21st and the 22nd it is mandatory DCED training in Harrisburg and if you do not go to them the grantee will not be able to apply for future Community Development and Housing grants.

Mr. Deitrick states that he would gladly go but he does not have a vehicle, if he takes the car his wife can't get to work and adds that someone suggested taking one of the police vehicles. Mr. Deitrick states that it is either that, or someone else has to go.

Mr. Deitrick states that all of the expenses are reimbursable, the borough will have to pay for them and then the borough will be reimbursed for travel, lodging, meals and any expenses for those days.

Mayor Novakoski said he will go with Mr. Deitrick. Mr. Deitrick states that two cannot go.

Mr. Varano states that he thought two could go. Mr. Deitrick states that if they give you an acceptance on it.

Mr. Bozza states to find out if two can go and if so the Mayor will go and if not then Mr. Deitrick could take a borough vehicle.

Mr. Deitrick questions the treasurer Mr. Niglio if he will need to say how much we will spend right now. Paul Niglio stated that if you are taking a borough vehicle then there is no reimbursement.

Mr. Bozza states that you would be using gas.

Mr. Deitrick adds that you will also have beside mileage the lodging and the meals are reimbursable. Paul Niglio asked if it is one day or two days.

Mr. Deitrick states that it is two days, one night in the hotel but it is a two day conference. Paul states that he does not know why he cannot commute.

Mr. Bozza states it is paid for, reimbursable.

Mr. Varano agrees and states they are going to reimburse us, they are paying for it.

Mr. Deitrick asks why you would commute.

Paul Niglio said he did it for thirty five years why wouldn't you. Mr. Varano replied that they are paying for it.

MOTION- Mr. Bozza made the motion to send the Mayor and Mr. Deitrick to the mandatory DCED training if an exception for two people to attend or to let Mr. Deitrick use a borough vehicle.

VOICE VOTE –

Unanimous

BUILDING COMMITTEE (Stephen Motyka)

Mr. Motyka states that after Council met with the fire company he sent them some information on grant opportunities and has not heard anything back.

Mr. Motyka states that he also sent them a per square ft cost of a company that does fire stations and they were \$40.00 or \$60.00 dollars per square foot and in none of those documents do they have a special building requirement.

Mr. Motyka states that he is thinking we can reach out to the fire company again.

Mr. Deitrick asks if Mr. Motyka has talked to the state fire commission about the requirements.

Mrs. Niglio states that she has and he gave some information and he thinks that council should call the people that he told us to call.

Mr. Varano states that he looked up some information on some of those sites and the only thing we are responsible for is workman's comp if you want to believe me or not.

Mr. Deitrick states that they were talking about ISO and we did some research on that and ISO is not even used anymore in Pennsylvania and it's quoted by State Farm, there are some states that use ISO but Pennsylvania does not.

Mr. Winhofer adds that if you look on your insurance it does not ask you how many fire trucks this or that, it asks you how close you are to a fire hydrant, that's it.

Mr. Varano states that we will go over this when we meet with them. Mr. Varano states any information you get forward to Rhonda to print out for me.

Mr. Motyka states that Michelle Furgeson emailed him back information on replacing all of our street lighting to LED. Mrs. Niglio states that she does not think Pennsylvania can have LED street lighting. Mr. Deitrick states that it is approved now.

Mr. Motyka states that next year there would be a rate hike it will increase our cost by \$2600.00 and states that if we get on board early. Mr. Motyka states that everyone should review and we can move on this.

Mrs. Niglio found a paper from November 2013 and in the letter it states these LED street lights cannot be used in Pennsylvania and therefore are ineligible for the grant funding.

Mayor Novakoski states that they are approved now.

Mr. Varano states that PP&L is not going to approve it if it's illegal, it has to be legal.

Mr. Motyka states that he is just saying to look at the email and then we will move on it.

Mr. Deitrick states that we can research it.

Mr. Varano states getting back to grants, he just does not understand is they are telling us we are hitting the low to moderate income but states that he does not see how when we just received that extra \$350,000.00 and that was a CBDG grant.

Mr. Deitrick states that they don't use the census apparently.

Mr. Varano states that was a bonus.

Mr. Deitrick states that is correct, only two communities in the state received that \$350,000.00, they had an extra \$700,000.00 and we were one of two communities in the state to receive it.

Mr. Deitrick states that we were able to do 13 or 14 additional properties for the housing grant. Mr. Varano states that we were lucky on that and that he just wanted to interject that and states that he still cannot see how we are not eligible.

Mr. Motyka states that our blue prints are at or near 100% and they wanted a final meeting to review.

Mr. Motyka states that the USDA wants two or three weeks to review them so this could go out as early as Oct 3rd for bid.

Mr. Motyka states that the duration and professional opinion on how long it may take to renovate at the earliest there is no way that it can be completed until January.

Mr. Motyka states that now we have to look at this existing building and how we are going to heat it for the winter, he suggest that we do not put another nickel into this building and we send a letter to the PAL, the seniors, Kulpmont Baseball and move our temporary offices to the truck room.

Mr. Bozza states that the oil tanks are full they are topped right off and you can't even get another gallon of oil in them.

Mr. Motyka states that the boiler does not work though.

Mr. Bozza said no that Charlie fixed the pipe, we have to make sure.

Bruce Graff said that they put a band-aid on the pipe.

Mr. Varano asks if we can get a couple of months out of it.

Bruce Graff states that we were looking for that sealer and nobody has it and an old timer said that put duck tape on it and cement it in. Bruce Graff states that they were using epoxy also; he states that they may have fixed this problem but it is leaking up there where we can't get at it.

Bruce states that we may get another year out of it or we may get a month out of it.

Mr. Varano states that at least until we use up the oil.

Mr. Deitrick and Mr. Varano ask what we are supposed to do with the trucks down at the East End.

Mr. Motyka replied what about where you vote in that one bay.

Mr. Varano states that they do not vote down there anymore.

Mr. Motyka states that he was under the impression that the boiler was shot.

Mr. Deitrick states that the boiler is good, that is not too old.

Mr. Varano states that it's the pipe in the corner.

Mr. Bozza states it's in the circulator pump, the pipe that sits down in the hole.

Mr. Motyka states that at our next meeting to review these prints we will ask the architect, we may be in by January or February.

Mr. Motyka states that we will need then to send letters to the PAL and the seniors.

Mr. Motyka states that there are a couple alternates for curb cut and add parallel parking and another alternate is the solar because Michele Furgeson said that if it comes in too high with the solar on the truck room there are a lot of grants down the road, so we can design and look for funding in the future, so that will be bid an alternate.

Mr. Motyka states that the council chambers desk will be able to be taken apart so that room could be used for other purposes.

Mr. Motyka asks if anyone has any other ideas on what we should bid as a separate package.

Mr. Varano questioned about the three phase, he said that when he asked about it he was told that the way it was set up it would cost too much and that it was going to lower the cost.

Mr. Winhofer stated that he would get rid of it.

Mr. Motyka states that with the smoke eaters and so forth it was very inefficient.

Mr. Varano said that he does not know enough about three phase.

Mr. Motyka states that we would look into solar and see what we could do there.

Council discusses three phase and it was decided that more information was needed to better understand. Council will research the three phase and the pricing and cost.

****TAPE MALFUNCTION AT THIS POINT****

Mr. Motyka stated that the borough will have to consider if they want to offer use of the new council room to the seniors or for any other community function. Council had some discussion and did not come to a decision on that.

Mr. Motyka states that at this point he feels that we are now in review for any small changes that are minimal. He states that parallel parking should be planned out now.

Mr. Paul Niglio and Mrs. Niglio states that they are against it as private citizens and feel that there is not enough room to consider parallel parking.

Mr. Motyka states that the borough should have the prints this week and will need to decide on a date and a time to set up and sit down with the architect to review the functionality. He states that he feels that Rhonda, Russ and Mike should also review the office's plans for functionality as far as data jack and computer jack placement.

Mr. Varano agrees that all prints should be looked out and make sure the layout is going to work and all is right.

Mr. Varano states that the architect will have to make it to the meeting or there is no sense in having one.

It was discussed that a meeting with the architect will try and be scheduled at 6:00 next Wednesday September 16th.

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

No Report

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Novakoski announced that Trick or Treat will be held on Halloween Night, October 31st from 6:00 to 9:00 pm in the borough. Mayor Novakoski states that he believes the Halloween Parade will be held on Thursday October 29th.

Mr. Deitrick suggests council to consider having the whole year scheduled out in January for everything including the yard sale etc. He states if everyone could have the dates available in January event dates could be announced for the entire year in January. Mr. Deitrick states that he feels that is something to be considered.

Mr. Bozza asks what we will do with the old dump truck and suggest that we put out for bid as is.

MOTION- Mr. Motyka made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Deitrick to advertise a bid to go out to sell the 1996 Dump Truck.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Keith Tamberelli suggests making a larger Banner for the community yard sale next year.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT THE CALL OF THE CHAIR

**RHONDA WILK
BOROUGH SECRETARY**

DATE OF APPROVAL