

**KULPMONT BOROUGH
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
AUGUST 11, 2021
7:00 P.M.**

Opening Prayer by Councilman Robert Chesney
The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag by the body present,
Kulpmont Borough Council held the meeting for general purpose on
Wednesday August 12, 2021

Roll call was taken, and the following members were present: Mayor Bozza, Stephen Bielskie, Robert Chesney, Joseph Dowkus, Robert Fanella, Stephen Motyka, Michael Sinopoli and Robert M. Slaby.

ABSENT: none

APPOINTED OFFICIALS PRESENT: Solicitor Edward Greco, Treasurer Paul Niglio, Patrolman Stephen Mazzeo, Secretary Rhonda Wilk and Code Official Heather Owens.

OTHERS PRESENT: Joe Politza, Edwin Howerter and Jeff Gilotti

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

No one spoke

PRESIDENTS REPORT – (Robert M. Slaby)

No Report

MAYORS REPORT- (Nicholas Bozza)

Mayor Bozza stated he received a resignation letter from officer Foust, resigning from the position of Chief here at the borough for three- and one-half years. Mayor Bozza stated he was offered a full-time position at Coal Township and stated that will be effective August 20, 2021. Mayor Bozza stated he has made a decision to name officer Mazzeo as officer in charge and to increase his rate from \$20.00 per hour to \$23.00 and stated he will need council to approve his boost in pay from \$20.00 to \$23.00 per hour as officer in charge.

Mr. Slaby asked if there is a motion to accept the resignation of Chief Foust.

MOTION- Mr. Sinopoli made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Dowkus to accept the resignation of the Chief, Nathan Foust.

Mr. Slaby stated on behalf of borough council and Mayor Bozza he would like to wish him well in his endeavors at Coal Township.

Mr. Slaby stated the Mayor asked him about presenting Nathan Foust with a certificate of appreciation or something. Mr. Slaby said for under \$75.00 a plaque could be purchased from the Academy and presented a later date.

VOICE VOTE-

Unanimous

MOTION- Mr. Dowkus made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Bielskie to appoint officer Mazzeo to officer in charge at \$23.00 per hour to begin on August 20, 2021.

ROLL CALL VOTE- DOWKUS (yes), MOTYKA (yes), CHESNEY (yes), FANELLA (yes), SINOPOLI (yes), BIELSKIE (yes), SLABY (yes)

7 YEAS – 0 NAYS

Mayor Bozza stated in talking with officer Mazzeo he would like to look into getting some prices for body cameras possibly for next year and get with the treasurer to look to include in the budget. Mayor Bozza stated he understands some surrounding areas have them.

Mayor Bozza stated on the pollination garden, he would like to provide an update. He continued to say fruit trees were planted and we have some fruit growing. Mayor Bozza stated a dedication will be held in October with the plaque. Mayor Bozza stated they are hoping to do some additional planting with Bucknell and the school students as well. Mr. Motyka added the educational grant was successful another year and we will have \$3000.00 to spend.

Mayor Bozza stated the pollination garden is close to being a state certified pollination garden, one of the largest and best in a three-county area. He stated hopefully by the end of the year Penn State will certify the pollination garden.

Mayor Bozza stated there is some money left in the pollination garden and stated if there is nothing additional needed for the pollination garden, the money left will be donated to the dog park project.

Mayor Bozza stated the dog park is something big that the Kulpmont 100 has been working on for some time and they are still short on funds to do this and get the project done.

Mayor Bozza stated being this is in our borough and will be our dog park, he stated he thinks the borough should consider donating to this project as well. Mayor Bozza stated he does not know how short they are but would guess around \$3,500.00 and stated if he could throw in \$1,000.00 from the pollination garden and the borough would consider a donation, he is sure it would be greatly appreciated by the residents and the Kulpmont 100.

Mayor Bozza stated he has been talking with a lot of residents since the town hall meeting that was held at the American Legion and stated a lot of them do not have any issues with raising taxes in the borough, whether it is personal or property taxes. Mayor Bozza stated he thinks raising personal taxes is the way to go but does not know the logistics of that. Mayor Bozza questioned if it is too late to possibly get it on the ballot for November. The Mayor stated we should let the residents decide if we could get more cops here to pay them well if we need to raise taxes and if they are for it....

Solicitor Greco replied it may not be too late for placing on the ballot, but there are limits as to what you could put on the ballot. Solicitor Greco stated in essence it would be a non-binding referendum if it would be permitted.

Solicitor Greco stated this happened at another municipality and through the county solicitor it was determined, because it was not authorized by the township code and in this case, it would be the borough code if it was not authorized it could not be on the ballot.

Solicitor Greco stated we may do something informal outside the voting places but stated unless it is authorized by the borough code adding he does not think it is. Solicitor Greco stated he could double check on that.

Mr. Bielskie stated we do not even have or know an amount yet. Mr. Slaby agreed and stated a plan needs to be put together on paper and all of council have an input as to where the funds are going and how to get from A to Z. Mr. Slaby stated we need to put a plan together and sit down not a week before we are going to adopt a budget. Mr. Slaby stated in the coming weeks work this out so the treasurer Mr. Niglio could have input on how much money we have and where we are going. Mr. Slaby stated you don't want to do this like a train wreck.

Mr. Niglio stated the problem we have is there is no equitable way to assess everyone the same amount. Mr. Niglio stated we all know your house is taxed on valuation.....

Mayor Bozza interjected and said he understands and stated he does not know what the answer is but asks what it is going to hurt to investigate it.

Mr. Niglio stated he is responding to where he is getting a lot of criticism, in the paper where an individual is saying we could just get \$80.00 from everybody and that would be the end of our problems.

Mr. Niglio stated it is not that simple because we cannot put an \$80.00 tax on every house or every individual, the tax code does not allow us to do that. Mayor Bozza stated he is not saying property taxes and stated he does not know what the answer is and asks what it is going to hurt to investigate it and talk about it.

Mr. Niglio stated he wants the people to know the individual that is out there making the claims will need to show him how to do this because he must be a magician. Mr. Niglio then stated of course the individual is a CPA, and stated he is not, so he may know how

we could get \$80.00 out of the pocket of everybody. Mr. Niglio stated because if we raise the real estate taxes his house is the third highest value house in this borough.

Mayor Bozza replied he gets that but there are people in this borough that are tax free, and they should not be. Mr. Niglio stated unless the county does a re-assessment and need to put pressure on the county to do that. Mr. Bozza stated he brought this up to investigate it. Mr. Niglio stated it is a good conversation to have because people do not understand what we can do, and we can't do. Mr. Niglio stated it is easy to just say that, well you can't do that if you could it would be done. Mr. Slaby commented the individual was going to take money from the sewer authority to fund the police department.

Mr. Chesney stated it was stated that the citizens of Kulpmont would have their sewer bill dropped \$80.00. Mr. Chesney then questioned what about the Heights and Natalie. Mr. Chesney said you can't just say one area is going to get a break and the other two areas will stay the same. Mr. Chesney asked how the \$80.00 relates to the tax base. Mayor Bozza replied he is not even going to talk about the sewer authority, he is not even going to mention that. Mr. Chesney replied he did, that was where the door opened and he thought it was an easy transition and as Mr. Niglio stated if he is a magician, that is fine.

Mr. Chesney stated remember, the premise of his statement dealt with the Municipal Authority and we have three municipalities that are aiding that Municipal Authority and so then what happens to those people. Mr. Chesney stated he has been saying since he has been here logic and talking, that is how you do things and figure out what the best solution is.

Mr. Slaby agreed and stated you make sure you put the commas and dots in the right places.

SECRETARY'S REPORT- (Rhonda Wilk)

Rhonda Wilk stated approval is needed for the regular meeting minutes from July 14, 2021.

MOTION – Mr. Bielskie made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Dowkus to accept the July 14, 2021 meeting minutes.

VOICE VOTE –

Unanimous

Rhonda Wilk stated a letter was received from Mr. David Shinskie of the Knights of Columbus to request use of the Veterans Memorial Park Field for parking and the Closure of Streets on October 16, 2021 for the wine fest.

MOTION- Mr. Fanella made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Fanella to allow the Knights of Columbus to use the Veterans memorial Field for parking on October 16th for the wine fest and allow street closure as requested.

VOICE VOTE –

Unanimous

Correspondence was received from Northumberland County Council for the Arts & Humanities, Kallaway Kids Art Classes, the letter was copied to both Mayor and Council.

Northumberland County Elections and Voter registration sent notification of the plans to delivery the voting machines for the General Elections, Copied to both Mayor and Council.

A letter was received from Coal Township Commissioners with the offer to purchase vest issued to Nathan Foust and that letter was copied to both Mayor and Council.

A discussion took place. Solicitor Greco asked the age of the vest. Mr. Slaby replied three years and stated it is a five-year vest. Solicitor Greco commented it is borough property, we are not giving it away but selling it to another municipality.

MOTION- Mr. Fanella made the motion for Coal township to purchase the vest issued to Nathan Foust for \$300.00.

ROLL CALL VOTE- DOWKUS (yes), MOTYKA (yes), CHESNEY (yes), FANELLA (yes), SINOPOLI (yes), BIELSKIE (yes), SLABY (yes)
7 YEAS – 0 NAYS

Rhonda Wilk stated a letter was received from Northumberland County, Hazard Mitigation Plan was copied to the EMA Kevin O’ Hearn, the Mayor and Council. Mr. Slaby stated that should be completed. Rhonda Wilk replied she spoke to Mr. O’Hearn yesterday and he stated he responded, and nothing has changed in the borough. Mr. Slaby stated it is important he has been told for the municipalities, in the past municipalities have not been too eager to complete that.

Correspondence was received from the PSAB on the Fall Leadership Conference to be held on October 8th – 10th at Bayfront Landing in Erie, and that was copied to the Mayor and Council.

Rhonda Wilk stated there is a late entry to the correspondence received from the tax claim bureau concerning the 2020 Judicial Tax Sale petition schedule of distribution, copied to Treasurer, Solicitor, Mayor and Council. Mr. Slaby commented a check will follow in the coming weeks or months.

TREASURERS REPORT – (Paul A. Niglio)

Mr. Niglio stated Council received a financial report and list of bills to be paid and stated a motion is needed to accept and pay the bills.

MOTION- Mr. Sinopoli made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Bielskie to accept and pay the bills

ROLL CALL VOTE- DOWKUS (yes), MOTYKA (yes), CHESNEY (yes), FANELLA (yes), SINOPOLI (yes), BIELSKIE (yes), SLABY (yes)
7 YEAS – 0 NAYS

SOLICITORS REPORT- (Edward Greco)

Solicitor Greco stated as he spoke about last month the changes to the sunshine law will require Rhonda to have items on the agenda 24 hours in advance. Solicitor Greco reminded Council, Fire Department and Street Department to get their request to Rhonda in advance.

Solicitor Greco suggested something they do at the school district for their votes, they have business items listed one through ten. He stated they do one motion, and they are all itemized, what they are voting on and spending money for. Solicitor Greco stated he will get a copy of their agenda and see if Council would like to do something like that.

Mr. Niglio questioned where we post the agenda 24 hours in advance. Solicitor Greco replied, the sunshine law is stating we need to post it where we have our meeting, the office and our website.

Mr. Dowkus stated Facebook has a time stamp on it when she updates the agenda on there. Solicitor Greco stated our meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday so it should be posted no later than 7:00 p.m. on Monday, 24 hours in advance. Rhonda Stated this month's meeting agenda was posted here at the borough, the website and on Facebook.

Mr. Slaby questioned what exception there would be for an emergency. Solicitor Greco stated anything that would be an emergency, the statue says to prevent loss of life or property, a true emergency, not just I forgot to tell her to put it on the agenda.

POLICE CHIEFS REPORT – (Nathan Foust)

Police Report Attachment #2

Officer Mazzeo stated if there are any questions, he asked council to call him or if anyone would like to see expanded a better reflection of the work product to let him know.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT – (Jeff Gilotti)

Fire Chief Report Attachment #3

Mr. Gilotti questioned if there is an update on the roof. Mr. Fanella replied he was able to contact the engineer. He stated he is working on that and hopefully for the next meeting he will have an answer for us.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – (Kevin O' Hearn)

No Report

BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT– (Tri County COG)

Report Attachment #4

CODE/HEALTH ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT – (Heather Owens)

Report Attachment #5

Mr. Chesney commented it is the grass cutting season. He stated permits are also up this time of year. Mr. Chesney asked everyone to keep the grass cut and to stay on top of that because fines will be given. He also stated the code officer is doing a fine job.

SERVICE AND FACILITIES – (Robert Fanella)

Mr. Fanella stated food surplus will be held on August 19th from 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. at the borough garage.

MOTION- Mr. Fanella made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Sinopoli to award the paving bid to the low bidder, Meckley's in the amount of \$104,906.00.

This is 8th Street from the upper part of Spruce to the lower part of Pine Street and the ten hundred block of Maple Street.

Mr. Slaby questioned if this is in anyway in conjunction of what is happening up on Pine street. Mr. Fanella replied by saying no and adding that is why they are stopping at the lower part of Pine because they will pave Pine when the water company is done next. Mr. Slaby questioned if Meckley's is the same contractor that is up there now on Pine Street. Mr. Fanella replied no. Mr. Slaby questioned their work schedule and when they may start this paving project. Mr. Chesney stated he believes they said late September according to their work schedule.

Mr. Fanella stated Ben Britton purchased the property behind Letcavage's and stated they need an address. The County is requesting the borough to name that street as a Lane so they may assign an address. Mr. Niglio stated the borough does not have the right of way there. Mr. Fanella replied he knows that adding they just want us to name it, and he spoke with Barry Garverick from PennDOT and according to him, even though we name it we do not take any responsibility for the Lane. Mayor Bozza questioned if we name that road will they then give us credit for that for liquid fuels. Mr. Fanella replied no, because we are not going to take any maintenance of it. Mayor Bozza commented he would stay out of it then.

Mr. Slaby asked why the county cannot just do it then. Mr. Fanella stated we received a letter from the county and asked Rhonda if everyone received a copy of the letter. Rhonda replied she did forward it to all. A short conversation took place. Solicitor Greco questioned if we should be naming the lane. Rhonda stated the county sent the letter and stated it would be the borough's responsibility to name the lane to identify for

911 concern and purposes and give it a name because of where Timberwood is and the current addressing. Solicitor Greco questioned what his proposal is. Mr. Fanella replied a suggestion from the Mayor was Kulp Lane. Mr. Slaby questioned if we need to do this today. Rhonda Wilk stated Keith Ayres contacted us and wanted to know as soon as possible as forwarded in the email.

Solicitor Greco asked Mr. Fanella if he will be making a motion.

MOTION- To name the lane to Britton property Kulp Lane and purchase 2 street signs and install to the Britton property.

ROLL CALL VOTE- DOWKUS (yes), MOTYKA (yes), CHESNEY (yes), FANELLA (yes), SINOPOLI (yes), BIELSKIE (yes), SLABY (yes)
7 YEAS – 0 NAYS

Mr. Fanella stated currently have a cleaning service cleaning the borough building and not due to any issues or problem with the cleaning or service, but it is more a matter of cos. Mr. Fanella stated an option would be to approve Heather to do the cleaning, it would be cheaper, and stated she is willing to clean as needed for comp time.

MOTION- A motion by Mr. Fanella and seconded by Mr. Sinopoli to allow Heather Owens to clean municipal building for comp time.

Mr. Slaby commented, this would be a tradeoff for time spent cleaning for comp time.

ROLL CALL VOTE- DOWKUS (yes), MOTYKA (absent), CHESNEY (yes), FANELLA (yes), SINOPOLI (yes), BIELSKIE (yes), SLABY (yes)
6 YEAS – 0 NAYS

Mr. Niglio questioned if this will be by the hour because that is what comp time means an hour of cleaning would be an hour off. Mr. Slaby asked is it hour for hour or is it time and a half. Heather Owens replied she will be cleaning as needed and if it is 15 minutes or a half hour and adds up to an hour, she will then add it to an hour comp time.

Mr. Dowkus asked if there is a schedule we would need to have, so we have an idea of how much time it takes. He stated we have a base of what time it took from the other company. Mr. Motyka stated we could see what it is over a period of three months to determine if it is working. Mr. Niglio stated down the road we will still need someone to come in professionally do the floors, but for regular maintenance where you don't need to pay \$30.00 or more per hour.

Mr. Fanella stated the old police car we did put out for bids and we only got one bid for \$100.00 and stated he would like to scrap the car at SOS and have it removed from the insurance.

MOTION- Mr. Fanella made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Chesney to scrap the old police car at SOS and remove the insurance coverage for the vehicle.

ROLL CALL VOTE- DOWKUS (yes), MOTYKA (yes), CHESNEY (yes), FANELLA (yes), SINOPOLI (yes), BIELSKIE (yes), SLABY (yes)

7 YEAS – 0 NAYS

FINANCE/PURCHASING – (Stephen Motyka)

He stated they will work as a committee with the Treasurer to do some forecast and see where we could possibly get some tax revenue.

CODE/HEALTH AND SAFETY – (Stephen Bielskie)

Mr. Bielskie stated last winter we went through a situation and adopted an ordinance. He stated near the end zone about a wood burner and stated he and the code officer went and talked with the individual. He stated he will raise his chimney and stop burning wood and start burning coal.

Mr. Slaby stated that should make the neighborhood happy.

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE - (Joseph Dowkus)

No Report

GRANTS/RECREATION – (Robert Chesney)

Mr. Chesney stated in speaking with Justin Skavery we are eligible for a grant with no strings attached as in match money and this money could be used for rainwater mitigation. Mr. Chesney stated there is a possibility we may be able to get some help. Mr. Chesney stated he has talked with Mr. Fanella about the areas that this project may be considered and need it the most. Mr. Chesney stated they will be looking more into that, through the DCED and we are going to keep pursuing that.

Mr. Chesney stated we are in the process of working on a grant for zoning and are working with Mt. Carmel Township and Marion Heights on this grant which Mt. Carmel is spearheading. Mr. Chesney stated a meeting was recently held which the code officer attended where the bids that came in for writing up the proposal for this grant, they were extremely high. Mr. Chesney stated the grant period will be extended the grant period to September 13th and are hopeful that the agency that has dealt with the township before may come in as well as others to place another bid for writing out this map to get us in the right direction. He stated we would all three municipalities share 50% in that cost.

Mr. Chesney stated we received a memo and through the help of Justin Skavery is going to outline a plan in regionalization of our police force. This will be free and no cost for investigating the regionalization of our police force and so we will see how that goes along.

Mr. Chesney stated the memorandum that he spoke about on the zoning will need to be signed by the Mayor, President Slaby and the Secretary will need to sign that memorandum and return that to Mt. Carmel Township.

Mr. Slaby stated it is signed.

PERSONNEL- (Michael Sinopoli)

MOTION- Mr. Sinopoli made the motion to hire four part time officers not to exceed \$20.00 per hour with a \$500.00 uniform allowance if needed not to exceed 28 hours per week.

ROLL CALL VOTE- DOWKUS (yes), MOTYKA (yes), CHESNEY (yes), FANELLA (yes), SINOPOLI (yes), BIELSKIE (yes), SLABY (yes)

7 YEAS – 0 NAYS

FIRE/EMA/POLICE COMMITTEE – (Robert Fanella)

MOTION- Mr. Fanella made a motion and was seconded by Mr. Sinopoli to continue to insure all six vehicles of the Fire Department as we presently do.

Mayor Bozza questioned which six vehicles they are. Mr. Dowkus stated we need to find out what these vehicles are. Mr. Slaby stated the Mayor is asking and if someone would like to reply what these vehicles are.

Mr. Sinopoli replied the Lafance and the Hahn. Mayor Bozza stated he does not understand why the Borough is paying the insurance, they are out of service and questioned why the borough should pay the insurance on these vehicles. Mr. Sinopoli replied they are parade vehicles. Mr. Sinopoli stated he believes the cost is \$428.00 per year.

Mr. Slaby questioned Rhonda if that is the cost. Rhonda replied the cost of \$400.00 give or take was for one vehicle not for both. Mr. Slaby questioned if the borough owns both vehicles. Mr. Fanella stated we only own one engine, but we are insuring others. Mr. Fanella stated it is done in other municipalities and stated he knows Natalie owned their truck, but the township insured it.

Mr. Motyka questioned how many times we had all six vehicles in one parade. Mr. Fanella stated we did until the Lafrance motor problem. Mr. Fanella stated, and the Hahn also served as a first line piece for Atlas when their piece was out getting service. Mr. Slaby commented this is going to cost the borough \$428.00 and questioned if it was not just in the last six meetings the West End Fire Company donated to the borough for improvements to the stadium.

Mayor Bozza stated he thinks the borough gave the West End money and the West End then gave it back. Mr. Fanella stated they did donate \$500.00 for the TV in the police department. Mr. Fanella stated the West End is a dumping ground for things taken out of this fire station, we have paint down there we have cement down there and the street sweeper down there.

Mr. Dowkus stated we also pay them \$3,000.00 a year or something. Mr. Bielskie commented which does not even cover the heat and light bill. Mr. Dowkus questioned if they are leaving the lights on all the time. Mr. Motyka commented the garage is separate from the social hall. Mr. Slaby stated which is like what we had here years ago across the street.

SUBSIDIARY MOTION- Mr. Dowkus made a subsidiary motion and was seconded by Mr. Motyka to table the motion to table this until we have more information on cost and additional information is provided.

ROLL CALL VOTE- DOWKUS (yes), MOTYKA (yes), CHESNEY (yes), FANELLA (yes), SINOPOLI (no), BIELSKIE (yes), SLABY (yes)
6 YEAS – 1 NAYS

Solicitor Greco stated that motion carries and cancels the first motion.

Mr. Slaby stated we are looking for the more information of six vehicles.

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

No one spoke

OLD BUSINESS-

Mr. Motyka stated two meetings ago he wanted to broadcast live through Facebook and not have any opportunity for questions to come in that way, he stated he kind of ate his words at the town hall meeting and would like to see it happen. Mr. Dowkus stated there was a motion to broadcast live through Facebook. Rhonda Wilk stated there was discussion and a decision to look into it. Solicitor Greco suggested Mr. Motyka to make a motion.

MOTION- Mr. Motyka made a motion and was seconded by Mr. Fanella to broadcast our meetings live through Facebook and any questions must be made in person.

VOICE VOTE-

Unanimous

Fire Chief Jeff Gilotti announced the Kulpmont 100 will be working with the IBEW up at the stadium August 21st to do some electrical work. He stated he received an email from the Chief about a kid wanting to do some community service. Mr. Fanella stated he has that taken care of, he is working with the Heather and taking care of some weeds.

NEW BUSINESS-

Mr. Motyka stated the American legion allowed the Football Baseball to start parking and make improvements up behind the bathhouse and stated they are planning to expand by putting in a patio. He stated they will be giving plans to Mr. Bielski and stated he would

like to help the American Legion with our backhoe on some borough down time pulling back some topsoil to help them out.

Mr. Chesney stated they will need a permit and he would like to see consideration to waive the permit fee which would be about \$60.00 since it is a Veterans Association.

Mr. Motyka stated the permit would be 1% of the cost which would be about \$6,000.00, so the permit would be about \$60.00.

MOTION- Mr. Motyka made the motion for the American Legion to have use of the backhoe with manpower availability for their expansion project and to waive the permit fee.

ROLL CALL VOTE- DOWKUS (yes), MOTYKA (yes), CHESNEY (yes), FANELLA (yes), SINOPOLI (yes), BIELSKIE (yes), SLABY (yes)
7 YEAS – 0 NAYS

Mr. Fanella stated Mr. Chesney mentioned money possibly being available for water mitigation and stated he met with Barry Gaverick from PennDOT and stated they looked over Fifth Street and Seventh Street to replace pipe and make repairs.

Mr. Fanella stated a new pipe needs to be installed Fifth Street to Chestnut and on Seventh Street, whatever was done there you could see the pipe come down and stated you could see there was some rot there and stated the water is missing the inlet and stated that would be a good project for use of that money.

Mr. Fanella stated Barry is going to work out some numbers. Mr. Fanella stated on Seventh Street the sewer lines are there and a high-pressure gas line is there, the pipe will be replaced up to Scott Street, new inlets to catch the water and then repave the intersection which is a mess.

Mr. Slaby stated he remembers years ago something down there right below Blugis home there were some pipes replaced there. He stated Mike Fantanarossa was on council, in charge of streets and at that time and was able to replace some pipes there at a savings to the Borough and stated it may be a good idea to talk to George on what was done there.

Mr. Fanella stated he thinks this would be a good project for the money Mr. Chesney spoke about. Mr. Fanella stated Barry Gaverick will be able to figure out a cost to make these repair and help uses to prepare a bid to put out for this project adding he if council agrees, he stated he would like to keep moving forward with getting the numbers and putting that bid together.

Mr. Motyka asked if the pipes are going to be calculated in size so if we ever do the correct project from Scott up to Bruce Graff's house it is going to be sized correctly.

Mr. Fanella replied we would be tying from Scott Street up to Bruce's. Mr. Fanella stated it would be an 18" pipe and an inlet would be put in and so if we want to go from Seventh up to Scott and would want to do in the future we would just run from where the new box would be put in.

Mr. Motyka stated in an email he sent to council on the water calculations that were done for Eighth Street, the engineering report should be the same as the calculations from Seventh, Eighth and Ninth Street. Mr. Fanella stated according to Barry Gaverick from PennDOT we do not need to get an engineer involved for Fifth Street because we would be only replacing basically what is in the ground and so that will save that cost.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The August 11, 2021 meeting was adjourned at the call of the Chair

**Rhonda Wilk
Borough Secretary**

Approval date – September 8, 2021