

**KULPMONT BOROUGH
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
December 9, 2020
7:00 P.M.**

Mr. Slaby asked all to remember those who lost their lives in Pearl Harbor. Mr. Slaby added to remember all our residents that lost their lives and are sick here in the Borough with the virus.

Mr. Chesney asked for a moment of Silence before opening prayer for all the service men and service women throughout the world that are serving our Country and for all of those at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941 and especially our own service men from the Borough of Kulpmont, Wydila and Miriello.

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 December 9, 2020

Mr. Slaby asked before roll call is taken to be conscientious and that everyone try to move the meeting along as quickly as possible without a whole lot of deliberation so that nobody will be here longer than necessary.

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

Mr. Slaby asked all to remember those who lost their lives in Pearl Harbor. Mr. Slaby added and for all our residents that lost their lives and are sick here in the Borough with the virus.

ABSENT: Michael Sinopoli

APPOINTED OFFICIALS PRESENT: Solicitor, Edward Greco, Treasurer Paul Niglio, Secretary Rhonda Wilk, Code Official Heather Owens, Police Chief Nathan Foust.

OTHERS PRESENT: Edwin Howerter, Jeff Gilotti, Ray Siko and Aldo Mirarchi.

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

No one spoke

PRESIDENTS REPORT – (Robert M. Slaby)

Mr. Slaby stated there is a vacancy coming up on the Kulpmont Marion Heights Joint Serwer Authority and stated this is on the agenda and so we will address this at that time.

Mr. Slaby stated concerning the borough owned property on the 900 block of Chestnut Street. Mr. Slaby stated he is concerned about how many cars are parking in that lot and stated he has been told they are turning off Chestnut Street to get in. Mayor Bozza questioned if they are jumping the curb. Mr. Slaby replied he does not know and asked if there is a drop off, if so, he does not know.

Mr. Slaby then stated this was talked about before and something needs to be done. Mr. Slaby stated you can go by there on the weekend and there are ten, fifteen or twenty cars in there adding we are serving as a car lot working for nothing for the landlords of the neighborhood. Mr. Slaby stated he has a problem with that and from the liability standpoint this could come back to bite us in the rear end.

Solicitor Greco stated the first thing we must do is post no parking signs; violators will be ticketed, towed. Mr. Fanella questioned if we want to let them park along the bottom, as they did when the building was up.

Mr. Chesney stated he agrees something should be done and stated parking in the back would be alright, but the lot was seeded and stated the problem is they are starting to park up the middle and further up the lot. Mr. Chesney stated Council talked about selling the lots and stated he feels that if we would move to expedite the sale of those lots that would resolve the problem.

The Code Officer, Heather Owens stated she spoke to the landlord Mr. Ortiz, on Friday and stated the fence was down because the wind was blowing it down and it was a hazard. She stated she said to Mr. Ortiz that they can park one car length from the street. Heather stated that is what she told him because that is what she was told and that something more permanent would be placed there.

Mr. Slaby stated he agrees we should get some stakes and put something along the bottom so they could not park and drive all over the place. Mr. Fanella stated it will make it easier for the guys when they go around to mow, it will give them a place to park.

Mr. Slaby agrees something more permanent needs to be done and stated no parking signs must go up, violators will be ticketed and or towed.

MAYORS REPORT- (Nicholas Bozza)

Mayor Bozza announced directional parking has been lifted for the winter.

Mayor Bozza reminded residents not to throw snow into the street and asked that residents be mindful to keep the fire hydrants clear of snow.

Mayor Bozza stated he has a request from the Chief for a lap top computer for the car, he then asked for Chief Foust to elaborate on that.

Chief Foust stated this is something needed to be able to access the informant system in the car and write citations. He stated we purchased all the hardware when Chief McAndrew was here just never got around to putting it in. Chief Foust stated we have all the equipment we just need a lap top a mount for the new Chevy.

Mr. Slaby questioned if the vehicle is currently equipped with a laptop now and he is just asking to update it. Chief Foust replied there is currently not one in the vehicle. Treasurer Niglio stated we had one. Chief Foust replied he has never seen a laptop in a vehicle since he has been here. Treasurer Niglio stated previously we had a car equipped with a laptop. Mr. Slaby stated there was never one in the vehicle when he was here and asked the Chief if he has a price. Chief Foust replied he does not have a price but stated we could do it for under \$1,000.00 for the mount and the laptop adding we have a mount for the Ford, we just need a mount for the Tahoe.

Mr. Dowkus asked if it will be interchangeable between vehicles. Chief Foust replied he will make sure all it needs is to be taken out and plugged into another vehicle. Mr. Slaby stated he says this with experience, this is a very important tool for the police department. Mayor Bozza agreed and stated we are about fifteen years behind times here. Mr. Slaby replied he has only been here since last year.

MOTION- Mr. Fanella made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Bielskie to spend \$1,200.00 to purchase a laptop for the police department.

Mr. Dowkus questioned if this will be Wi-Fi able. Chief Foust stated when Chief McAndrew was here, we had a surface which has our 4G. Chief Foust stated soon he will get with Mrs. Wilk and have our 4G from that device updated to a jet pack, so we have internet. Mr. Dowkus was concerned we approve enough money. Mayor Bozza stated laptops are very reasonable.

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

Mayor Bozza stated the Kulpmont 100 Christmas house decorating contest in the Borough and stated judging will be held next weekend and stated they will be giving out great prizes and stated he and his wife will be awarding the Mayors Choice prize which will be \$150.00 cash prize and a \$50.00 gift certificate.

Mayor Bozza stated he would like to mention that today he was at the Borough office and the Governor was giving a press conference and we do not have a TV at the borough office. Mayor Bozza questioned if Council feels we should have one in the office for occasions like this. Mayor Bozza stated for press conferences or an emergency. Treasurer Niglio agreed we have no way of knowing what is going on in the outside

world. Mr. Slaby stated he was ridiculed when he was Mayor and asked for a TV for the police department. Mayor Bozza stated he is not asking for one for the Police Department, they should not be in there watching TV. Mr. Chesney questioned if our EMA guy takes care of all that. Mayor Bozza stated he is just suggesting TV for in the Borough office. Mr. Slaby stated a small TV will cost around \$100.00 and stated he will get a TV for the office.

Solicitor Greco stated he just happened to review a Service Electric Cable TV provides for a municipality to obtain cable, one basic hookup and stated we should be able to get that cable through the franchise.

Treasurer Niglio stated we have Service Electric for the internet and so they have a connection here already.

SECRETARY'S REPORT- (Rhonda Wilk)

Rhonda Wilk stated approval is needed for the regular meeting on October 14, 2020 regular monthly meeting minutes. Rhonda Wilk stated there was no meeting in November.

MOTION – A motion by Mr. Bielskie and seconded by Mr. Dowkus to approve the October 14, 2020 regular meeting minutes.

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

Rhonda Wilk stated the 2021 meetings will need to be advertised. Mr. Slaby questioned Council if everyone agrees to continue the meetings every other second Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Council agreed to keep the meetings for the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Bozza questioned if we could advertise the dates without knowing the location at this time.

Solicitor Greco replied it will need to be included in the advertisement. Mr. Slaby stated we will need to wait on this adding he is meeting with someone to discuss options to live stream the meetings. Mr. Slaby stated possibly put this in the paper that the meetings will be virtual, and to be announced. Solicitor Greco stated that is not an advertisement, we agree on the date and time it is just the location and wording for the advertisement. Solicitor Greco stated we are all alright with the dates and times, nobody is opposed to do something virtual. Solicitor Greco stated we could make a motion to approve advertisement and once we have it figured out, we can go ahead and advertise.

MOTION- Mr. Chesney made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Dowkus to approve the meetings to be held the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

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

6 YEAS – 0 NAYS

Correspondence was received from the following and Copied to both Mayor and Council,

WJP Engineers – RE: Surface Mining Permit No. 49870201

A letter from KMHJMA was received on October 20, 2020 regarding the 2021 Minimum Municipal Obligation for the Pension Plan.

KMHJMA submitted a letter to notify the Borough Stephanie Niglio's term on the board is expiring on December 31, 2020.

Correspondence was received from Pennsylvania Department of Transportation regarding the proposed project for SR 61, Section 124.

Drewberry Engineers Inc. sent a letter of introduction.

A letter requesting reappointment to serve on KMHJMA Board was received by Stephanie Niglio.

Mayor Bozza stated the correspondence from PennDOT there is a form and signature page and asked if that is something we need to sign. Mayor Bozza suggested to contact them. Mr. Motyka agreed and stated other towns are treated better, have other things and nicer crosswalks. Mr. Chesney agreed with talking with PennDOT.

Mr. Slaby stated he had a conference call with Mr. Neidig from PennDOT just yesterday, because the project runs right through Shamokin. Mr. Slaby stated concerning the major project scheduled for 2032, meetings of the past the spoke about beginning in Kulpmont and going on down.

Mr. Slaby stated with PennDOT announcing they are six hundred million dollars in debt, most of us will not be here when this project gets going. He continued to say every time he goes to one of these meetings five or ten years get tacked onto the project. Mr. Slaby stated he does agree if Council would like he will call Mr. Neidig and set something up with him. Mr. Slaby stated he will contact Mr. Neidig and see what he wants to do. Mr. Slaby questioned Mayor Bozza if he is good with that. Mayor Bozza replied, yes. Mr. Slaby stated sitting with others from Seda Cog and others in Shamokin, they did not get warm feelings like this was going to happen anytime soon.

TREASURERS REPORT – (Paul A. Niglio)

Council received a copy of the financial statement and bills to be paid and stated a motion is needed to approve and pay the bills.

MOTION- Mr. Dowkus made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Fanella to approve the financial statement and pay the bills.

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

Mr. Niglio stated everyone received a copy of the tentative budget he prepared and stated it is almost a mirrored image from the one last year. Mr. Niglio stated he fine tuned it and on the revenue side there are not many changes and on the expenditure side the wages were adjusted with raises that happened in the last two years, health insurance and the savings are reflected in there where some of our employees do not take the health insurance in lieu of a cash percentage of cost and so those savings are reflected in that. Mr. Niglio stated there were some adjustments in our water bill and electric bill since we have been in the building here.

Mr. Niglio stated the big adjustment was in the Police protection we had the Chief and three patrolman and now we have two patrolmen, and we have \$24,000.00 for part time work next year. Mr. Niglio stated we have an adjustment in the Health and Hospitalization was adjusted there because we had four family plans and now, we only have two singles and a family plan.

Mr. Niglio stated under code enforcement, there was an adjustment there because the code officer does not take the health benefits.

Mr. Niglio stated wages for the workers under public works and highways a full-time employee is no longer here, he retired and so there was an adjustment there in the health and hospitalization. Mr. Niglio stated we decreased the expenditures by \$90,000.00. He stated we will not meet until January 13th we will not make any expenditures except for payroll on the 8th. Mr. Niglio stated we will not have any problems with passing the budget on the 13th and so there may be some fine tuning until then.

Mr. Slaby questioned if the budget will be available for review. Mr. Niglio stated the budget will be available for review in the Borough Office for 30 days. Mr. Niglio stated a motion is needed to approve the tentative budget and to advertise the tentative budget that it is available for review.

Mr. Fanella questioned if we need to put it in the window. Mr. Niglio replied we do not, they just need to call the office and we will provide it to them. Mr. Niglio states they would call, and Rhonda would provide them with the tentative budget. Mr. Niglio stated in the last 30 years since he has been here nobody has come in to review the budget, the only one that ever came in was Mr. Chesney.

Mr. Chesney stated on the first page of the revenue side Real Estate General Purposes reads 14 mills. Mr. Niglio stated that should be 17 mills and the ordinance reflects that. Mr. Niglio stated that is just a typo which he stated he never changed it and will correct that.

Mr. Bielskie questioned with COVID and people being out of work, are we going to be affected by that. Mr. Niglio replied we have not been, he stated he was concerned when it first happened but as he monitored it, it mostly stayed the same.

Mr. Niglio stated the Highway Fund has total funds available of \$149,750 and expenditures are the same, the reason for the increase from 2020 is because we did not have a paving project and so we had a \$50,000.00 carryover.

Mr. Niglio stated the Police pension fund is \$390,200.00 with expenditures of \$23,500.00 leaving roughly a balance of \$366,700.00.

MOTION- Mr. Fanella made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Chesney to approve the tentative budget as presented for 2021.

Mr. Chesney stated it is tentative and it may change.

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

MOTION- Mr. Fanella made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Bielskie to advertise the 2021 tentative budget in The News Item.

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

Mr. Niglio stated approval is needed to pay Thomas Anderson and Associates \$3,000.00 for consulting services. Mr. Niglio stated what that includes is preparation of year end statements, MMO statement and answer any questions that he may have on the financial side. Mr. Niglio stated one of these years they will be gone when we get to PMRS. Mr. Chesney stated he thought this was the year. Mr. Niglio stated with PMRS it did not work out yet and stated we will have one more bill from them for 2021. Mr. Niglio stated they will engage us for the actuarial study as of yearend because they have all that information to do so.

MOTION- Mr. Bielskie made the motion and Mr. Dowkus to pay Thomas J. Anderson and Associated in the amount of \$3,000.00 for 2020.

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

Mr. Niglio stated a motion is needed to advertise the Tax Rate for 2021, which remains the same as 2020. Mr. Niglio stated the tax rate for General Purposes is 17 mills, the Street Light 3 mills and Fire 3 mills.

MOTION- Mr. Dowkus made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Chesney to advertise the 2021 Tax Levy Ordinance fixing the rate for 2021 with no increase from 2020.

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

SOLICITORS REPORT- (Edward Greco)

Solicitor Greco stated back in October there was the appeals hearing on Twilight Beginnings and stated the decision did come in and Twilight Beginnings is back on the tax rolls.

Solicitor Greco stated there was some question regarding a paper street on 12th Street between Saint Mother Pauline parking area and the residence. He stated clearly that is a paper street both deeds refer and so that is an existing paper street.

Solicitor Greco stated the borough currently mows it and stated there is a procedure for vacating that street if that is council's wish. Mayor Bozza questioned if he is referring to selling it. Solicitor Greco replied no, giving it up. Mayor Bozza questioned if we can sell it, we just must give it up, that is our property. Solicitor Greco stated that it is a paper street, it is not in a deed. Mayor Bozza stated there are many paper streets that just go to a dead end adding we may be opening a can of worms. Solicitor Greco stated it is a street and if you vacate it and it would go to adjoining properties.

A discussion took place concerning the paper street being roped off. It was determined the borough did not chain it off and so that should be removed.

Mr. Motyka stated we are not opening a can of worms we are saying that it is ours, not doing anything with it. Mayor Bozza then stated he misunderstood, he thought we were giving it up.

Solicitor Greco stated the question was is that a paper street and it is.

POLICE CHIEFS REPORT – (Nathan Foust)

Police Report Attachment #2 for October and November are attached. Chief Foust stated he will need to put a purchase order in for Tazer batteries.

Mr. Motyka asked Chief Foust if in the future he has purchases to get price quotes in advance to be approved at the meeting. Mr. Motyka stated then the purchases could be approved as is.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT – (Jeff Gilotti)

Fire Chief Report Attachment #3

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – (Kevin O' Hearn)

No Report

BUILDING INSPECTOR’S REPORT– (Tri County COG)

Mr. Bielskie stated we issued two building permits in November.

Mr. Bielskie stated concerning the building we talked about tearing down on Chestnut Street, he met with the owner and architect. Mr. Bielskie stated an architect stated you are probably looking at \$5,000.00 for the prints. The person wanting to fix the building thinks he could do it for approximately \$3,500.00. Mr. Bielskie stated it probably will cost \$100,000.00 to fix it, someone went in and stole the copper and everything. Mr. Bielskie stated he lives in Atlas, he bought a property and fixed it up decently. Mr. Bielskie asked if anyone sees any work being done to notify him. Mr. Chesney stated he did see someone working on the roof the other day. Mr. Bielskie stated it is not a residential building it is a commercial building.

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

Report Attachment #4

SERVICE AND FACILITIES – (Robert Fanella)

Food Surplus December 17th 8 a.m. to 12 noon at the borough garage.

Mr. Fanella we are accumulating bikes at the borough and they are beginning to get in the way, and something needs to be done. Solicitor Greco stated they become borough property and so you cannot just give them away, you must advertise and sell them through a bid procedure. Mayor Bozza and Council discussed the cost of an advertisement and the cost may be more than what the bikes are worth. Solicitor Greco stated we can scrap them or throw them away, but we cannot just give them away they are borough property. Council agreed to scrap the bikes.

Mr. Fanella stated the fuel tank has approximately 90 gallon of gas in the tank that we stopped using. He stated the level needs to be down an inch and he will sign the paperwork and be out of our hair for three years. Mr. Fanella stated Bruce called and inquired what needs to be done to remove the fuel, we have a price of \$375.00 for somebody to come in with an antistatic pump and we would need to provide the barrels. Mr. Slaby commented we need to get rid of it. Mayor Bozza questioned once empty; the tank could stay in the ground. Mr. Motyka stated he read that you could then fill the tank with sand eventually. Mr. Fanella stated we could not get it updated because the work involved to get into the alarm.

MOTION- Mr. Motyka made the motion to spend up to \$500.00 to empty the gas tank out and dispose of it however it needs to be done.

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

Mr. Fanella stated the previous Council gave the West End \$10,000.00 for a handicap playground. He stated after investigation the West End decided against because of the insurance and liability. Mr. Fanella stated they would like to return the money and Mr. Fanella stated he would like to then earmark it for improvements at the Terry Miriello Field. Mr. Fanella stated Kulpmont 100 is working on improvements at the Terry Miriello Field and this money would be used toward improvements at the Field.

MOTION- Mr. Fanella made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Chesney to spend \$10,000.00.

Solicitor Greco questioned what the money would be used for and stated his understanding is for dugouts, concession stand and security cameras.

Mr. Fanella replied yes and stated it is all \$10,000.00 to be used toward improvements. Mr. Dowkus questioned how we manage the money. Mr. Niglio stated we are going to manage that money and when the money is used up to the \$10,000.00 that is it. Solicitor Greco stated he is concerned about any bidding procedures. Mr. Chesney stated this money would be just set aside kind of like start up money for the improvements.

Mr. Niglio stated if the Kulpmont 100 is applying for any grants and needs any matching money that money could also possibly be used for that. The Solicitor stated if the Treasurer thinks this could be managed, he will then agree this would be fine.

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

Mr. Fanella stated it is being looked at to tear down the old ticket booth and work to putting up a new gate. Mr. Fanella stated he would like to see a motion to tear down the ticket booth. Mr. Dowkus questioned why a motion would need to be made if the \$10,000.00 is set aside for improvement why then a motion does be needed. Mr. Chesney stated the Kulpmont 100 is keeping Council informed on what they want to do and stated they will have a general out laid plan for what is going to happen up there, and they are going to be doing much of the work and raising funds for the work.

MOTION- a motion was made by Mr. Motyka and seconded by Mr. Fanella to take down the old ticket booth at the Terry Miriello Field

VOICE VOTE –
Unanimous

Mr. Fanella stated Rhonda did contact the contractor concerning the entrance door to the truck room. Fire Chief Jeff Gilotti replied that the door has already been fixed.

Mayor Bozza questioned what the status is on the project on Sixth Street. Mr. Fanella stated the hold up is probably going to be the plants making the concrete, with COVID-19 they all shut down. Mr. Fanella stated he did speak with Drew from Livic today.

FINANCE AND PURCHASING (Stephen Motyka)

Mr. Motyka stated we are expecting a contract from UGI any day and stated the money we got for the last project we do not have anything substantial to show for it, that money went into the General Fund. Mr. Motyka stated with the new contract he would like to see it considered to get bids for our sweeping apparatus and a tar buggy. He stated we have been using cold patch and it does not hold up.

Mr. Motyka stated he would like to see the money be used for something we could use. He stated we would need to purchase through Costars and asked Mr. Fanella if we could possibly get some price quotes by next meeting. Mayor Bozza questioned if there may be any grant available.

Mr. Motyka stated we talked about a cleaning service for the building and asked where we are with that. Mr. Slaby stated that is a contractual matter and stated he will be asking for an executive session and we could then discuss the cleaning service at that time.

Mr. Chesney stated it is \$25,601.00 for UGI, is that correct? Mr. Motyka stated we should be looking at \$41,000.00, we asked for another \$4.00 per square meter for milling and they agreed and so it will increase it by \$12,000.00. Mr. Chesney stated \$25,601.00 and \$12,000.00. Mr. Chesney stated he was told the cost to get a personal hook up to the gas the cost is approximately \$2,156.00. Mayor Bozza stated he believes this cost could be paid for over time and not required in full to hook up. Mr. Chesney agreed. Mr. Bielskie stated he believes it is divided out over a ten-year period.

Mr. Motyka stated the finance committee met with our delinquent tax collector along with the Treasurer and stated they have gone over everything and stated the finance committee recommends changing to Statewide Tax Recovery for all future and past delinquent tax collections.

MOTION- Mr. Motyka made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Chesney to change delinquent tax collection for future and past delinquent tax collection to Statewide Tax Recovery.

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

6 YEAS – 0 NAYS

Mr. Motyka stated he would like to accept the resolution #753 for Statewide Tax Recovery. He stated we are not in a contract and so if we want to end it in three months we could do so. Mr. Motyka stated there would be no cost to the borough to end the agreement, this resolution outlines we are using this company to represent the Borough in the handling of delinquent accounts.

MOTION- Mr. Dowkus made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Motyka to accept and adopt resolution #753 for Statewide Tax Recovery.

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

6 YEAS – 0 NAYS

CODE HEALTH AND SAFETY (Stephen Bielskie)

No Report

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE - (Joseph Dowkus)

No Report

GRANTS/RECREATION – (Robert Chesney)

Mr. Chesney stated a letter was received in September from Wes Fahringer which was giving support on the playground that was done over the years and stated he hoped to see more improvements. Mr. Chesney and stated improvements will continue to be done as discussed at the Terry Miriello Field, there is no doubt about that.

Mr. Chesney stated The DEP Environmental Education Grant is the same grant we have been doing the last few years in coordination with the County and help from Holy Angels.

Mr. Chesney stated he was unclear why Brinkash was brought in for a proposal on the DCNR restroom grant when we have Livic Civil as our engineer, he stated he just does not understand why Brinkash was brought in and stated he brought that up in May or June as well.

Mr. Motyka stated Council voted to use Brinkash for the Prebid proposal and stated he would like for them to administer and finalize the drawings and carry through on this grant. Mr. Motyka stated the grant is for \$110,000.00 and \$10,000.00 will be spent on design.

MOTION- Mr. Motyka made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Dowkus to hire Brinkash to finish the Veterans Memorial Field Project as a one project deal.

ROLL CALL VOTE- DOWKUS (yes), MOTYKA (yes), CHESNEY (no), FANELLA (yes), SINOPOLI (absent), BIELSKIE (yes), SLABY (yes)
5 YEAS – 1 NAY

Mr. Motyka stated there was some discussion to send a letter to the YMCA and stated we are underappreciated and under served in this area and so we drafted letters and stated as soon as they are signed by all Councilmembers the letters will be mailed out.

Mr. Chesney commented it is a good thing to investigate for sure.

PERSONNEL- (Michael Sinopoli)

No Report

FIRE/EMA/POLICE COMMITTEE – (Robert Fanella)

No Report

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Mr. Mirarchi questioned if it is possible that the speed trailer could be moved to come down Sixth and Chestnut Streets from Lamplight Acres. Mayor Bozza stated we only have them for a short time. Mayor Bozza replied it would be tough as to where we could put it. Mayor Bozza stated you need to watch the right of way for PennDOT, it cannot go on a sidewalk. Mayor Bozza stated we only have it for a short time. Chief Foust stated it would need to be set up in a location for a period to generate numbers, there would be no benefit of leaving it there for only a day, setting it up and moving it. Mr. Dowkus questioned Chief Foust if he does have a plan to utilize it. Chief Foust replied he does, throughout town from its location now to the storage shed to the lot on the 900 block on Chestnut Street.

Council President, Robert M. Slaby stated Council will now meet in executive session to discuss a contractual matter and personnel matter.

Solicitor Greco announced Council met in executive session for approximately 20 minutes to discuss contractual and personnel matters.

MOTION- Mr. Motyka and seconded by Mr. Fanella to hire Best Cleaners to clean at the municipal building.

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

MOTION- Mr. Bielskie made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Motyka to advertise to fill vacant position on the KMHJMA board.

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

OLD BUSINESS-

None

NEW BUSINESS-

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Slaby thanked the public for coming to the meeting this evening.

The 2020 MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT THE CALL OF THE CHAIR

**Rhonda Wilk
Borough Secretary**

Approval date – January 13, 2021