

**KULPMONT BOROUGH
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 10, 2014**

Opening Prayer by Councilman Philip Scicchitano
The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag by body present. Kulpmont Borough Council held its regular monthly meeting Tuesday June 10, 2014.

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

ABSENT: Clarence H. Deitrick

APPOINTED POSITIONS: Treasurer Paul A. Niglio, Jr. and Solicitor William C. Cole

PRESENT: Code Official Russ Moroz, Borough Supervisor Bruce Graff and Borough Secretary Rhonda Wilk, Fire Chief Jeff Gilotti and Ray Siko Assistant Fire Chief.

OTHERS PRESENT: Myron F. Turlis, Mike Sinopoli, Janie Ortona, Mary Sure Mirarch, Ed Wojick, Joseph A. Pancerella, Bernie Nestico, Bob Chesney, Joe Cesari, Rich Mychak and Tom Balanda.

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

Mr. Robert Chesney states that he is referring to the opening prayer and also the new building committee agenda, item G.

Mr. Chesney addresses council and states that part of your prayer Gentlemen and Lady is dealing with the satisfaction of the citizens and states that he really feels that part was left down over the past year and a half or two years in this council chambers.

Mr. Chesney states that the last meeting held officially pertaining to item G was in July of 2012 and that was it. He states that there was no other meeting donated specifically for simple discussion, input and citizens ideas on this project.

Mr. Chesney states that he finds it at this point; at last meeting he was told it was getting old and tired and states that they feel the same way. He states that it is old an tiring that they cannot come to grips with trying to get at least a meeting to discuss some of this information and as of now we still do not even have any conclusion on to whether or not the site can even be used and states that he knows after the May meeting you went down and the bore testing group was down there and as of May it was still unknown.

Mr. Varano states that the bore testing was not because it couldn't be used; it was to find the correct placement of the building to minimize the cost and questions Mr. Motyka on if he is correct.

Mr. Motyka states replied to minimize the bidders risk so that the bidders will know what the soil conditions are so that the can bid more realistically.

Mr. Varano states it was done to save us money.

Mr. Chesney states that at this time going through the minutes and states that he has read every one since 2009 and every time we get to building reports, just as today it states no report.

Mr. Chesney states that this is the hottest item going on in our town probably since prior to us celebrating our centennial again and we still have no reports visibly and I ask you again if any of you have any account as to right now as to what this project cost to date without one shovel of dirt being taken out of the ground.

Mr. Chesney asks council if they have any idea on that or if that can be known at a later date and questions how much money has been spent on this project with fees and everything else and we still have not had any satisfaction as to what is going on.

Mr. Varano replied alright, you will get your answers in due time.

Mr. Chesney questions when due time will be. Mr. Varano replied that he got his three minutes in. Mr. Chesney replied "no there is not three minutes on this."

Mr. Varano replied to Mr. Chesney that he comes here month after month and you ask for this and that and states that we have given you Mr. Chesney interrupted and said "Nothing."

Mr. Varano asks him what he means by nothing and states that you asked us to keep cost down, to take the basement out, and to get the seniors and the weight room out of the building.

Mr. Varano states that we minimized everything up to until this point; you have not given us one alternative. Mr. Chesney interrupts and said "time out."

Mr. Varano replied to Mr. Chesney "no, you listen for a change."

Mr. Chesney responded that he is listening and always has listened.

Mr. Varano questions him on whether up until this point if he has ever given one alternative option that is viable for this community to use as a complex.

Mr. Chesney states that he believes that he has listed possibly at least ten.

Mr. Varano replied “not viable.”

Mr. Chesney asks what about the old Clauser/Bressi building.

Mr. Varano replied it is not viable, because it would probably cost just as much to renovate that building and to bring it up to L & I code.

Mr. Varano states that would be the only building that would even come close in this town to being viable.

Mr. Chesney states that the bottom line in what he has been asking and states that he appreciates the fact that the bottom floor has been taken out and understands what he is saying there but the biggest question that you have not given us is a time and another meeting.

Mr. Chesney states that the only meeting we had was July of 2012, one meeting on a 1.4 million dollar issue.

Mr. Varano replied that we are hoping that it does not cost 1.4 million dollars.

Mr. Chesney states he knows and it was stated that it wasn't that.

Mr. Chesney states that Mr. Varano had some good statements in past minutes, excellent statements questioning everything and that was neat to read it and hear it at times.

Mr. Chesney states that in past minutes Mr. Motyka stated that he did not foresee taxes going up and Mr. Niglio stated that taxes would not go into play until 2015.

Mr. Varano questions Mr. Chesney on what he had said in the past to Mr. Lutz, he states that he stated to him that there would probably be a 2.5 to 3 mill raise in taxes and questions where we are at and states that he was right on target.

Mr. Chesney states that again, this is like the defenses are up and they should not be. Mr. Chesney states that again he is just asking why there can't be another discussion. He states that he is just standing here again as he has for a year and a half asking why we cannot have another meeting.

Mr. Chesney states that elimination of the bottom floor is only obvious, that site would never take it, and an elevator is not needed.

Mr. Varano states that if we had a bottom floor then we would need an elevator it would be mandatory.

Mr. Chesney replied that you can't, not on that site or you would go down about 48 feet or something, but that is beside the point.

Mr. Chesney states that he is not angry with any of you guys and gals the reason he is standing here is because he has been asking to have another meeting on this issue and states that it has always been swept under the carpet.

Mr. Varano questions Mr. Chesney on if they have ever agreed to have another meeting. Mr. Chesney replied that they did not, never did.

Mr. Varano replied ok, so we never agreed to have another meeting so it is not like we are not doing something we are suppose to be doing.

Mr. Chesney states that the bottom line is that you had one meeting in 2012 and none since. Mr. Chesney states that you have three meetings on trying to have a dog curbed.

Mr. Varano commented that we had one meeting and not one taxpayer showed up.

Mr. Chesney states that if he would have seen no one showed up, that would have told him to have another meeting if he had been sitting where you are.

Mr. Bozza interjected and responded to Mr. Chesney that maybe he should sit where Mr. Varano does. Mr. Varano added that he will step down. Mr. Bozza directed the statement to Mr. Chesney, "if you know everything then you should be sitting on council."

Mr. Chesney stated to Mr. Bozza that if he had a union meeting and nobody showed up that he feels that Mr. Bozza would have another meeting on a critical issue, but there was not another meeting set for something this critical and this is critical for our economy.

Mr. Chesney states that we saw down the hill what happened there and no common sense was utilized down there.

Mr. Chesney states that all he asked for was a meeting a year and a half ago, maybe now it is to late but when you give me the final figure of taxpayers money so far spent before even a shovel of dirt comes out of that ground then we will see.

Mrs. Niglio states that all of our meetings are critical every month it does not matter what the topic is, if it is you or the building, a landlord issue, something involving the Mayor and the Police, the landlord issue was the same thing it is all critical.

Mrs. Niglio asks why he is not at every meeting and why the landlords are not here anymore and states that it doesn't matter what the topic is. Mrs. Niglio states that the reason being is that the issue is not critical to them anymore.

Mr. Chesney states that he knows the grass and everything else.....because when he is not here he is not here.

Mrs. Niglio states that it has to do with the town and the Kulpmont resident's period. Mrs. Niglio states that you are only here for five months out of twelve and the things you miss when you are not here you want us to back track on.

Mr. Bozza asks Mr. Chesney if he is okay with spending another \$30,000.00 to heat this building in the winter, that's three mills, and I am going light on that.

Mr. Chesney states that this is the kind of discussion that should have been done at a meeting a year and a half ago.

Mrs. Niglio states that you are here five months out of the year and then try to make up for lost time.

Mr. Varano commented to Mr. Chesney that he never showed up.

Mr. Chesney said a meeting on this gigantic issue and states that you are missing the whole point.

Mr. Varano replied to Mr. Chesney that he is missing the whole point because the meeting was called and it was duly advertised and nobody showed up.

Mr. Varano states that he does not want to insult Mr. Chesney but states that we are going to move on now.

Mr. Chesney replied that "you are insulting me and the whole town," and states that he presented a petition with 300 names on it that you guys disregarded and states that he has another one with 130 names on Mr. Varano directs Mr. Chesney to sit down, please.

Mr. Chesney replied that he will not sit down.

Mr. Varano states that he will have him removed.

Mr. Chesney continues to state that he has 130 names on outside of voting.

Mr. Varano states that you misrepresented... Mr. Chesney states it was an exit vote taken outside of voting and anybody could read and sign it and states that he said anybody could sign, he states that he asked Stephanie if she would like to come over here and read what I have written down.

Mr. Chesney states that it was a unanimous yes, 100% yes.

Mr. Varano states that you did not say anything that was worth while; you put your opinion down.

Mr. Chesney replied "my opinion my ass." Mr. Varano replied "your opinion your ass."

Mrs. Niglio said that he did not ask her to sign anything; he said “I am not going to ask you because you will not sign it.”

Mr. Chesney states that he said to Mrs. Niglio do you agree with the entire proposed decision by Kulpmont Borough Council to build a new complex and states that everyone that came over and did this..... Mr. Varano asks if they were given an option.

Mr. Chesney states no, he just told them to read it.

Mr. Chesney stated that everyone said no that they do not agree if Stephanie would have came over she could have said yes, Mr. Niglio or anyone of you guys could have said yes, everyone had the opportunity to say yes.

Mr. Chesney said people going by in cars wanted to sign and he states that he replied to them no they cannot sign it is an exit pole that must be signed on the exit of voting and should have been on the ballot that we have been asking for, for it to be put on the ballot for a year and a half and that’s what we have been asking for.

Mrs. Niglio replied no you have been asking for.

Mr. Chesney states that is not correct 300 people signatures and now 130 are asking.

Mr. Chesney thanks council for their time and states that at the end of the meeting he believes that he will have time to talk again and God bless.

Mr. Varano replied not if you do not have anything new to say because I will not recognize you.

Mr. Chesney replied he will have something new.

PRESIDENTS REPORT (Bruno R. Varano)

Mr. Varano states that we received one bid on the 916 Chestnut Street property and we will open the bid now at this time.

Mr. Varano opens the bid and states that the bid is from ISCA Enterprise Inc. for \$2560.00 to purchase the lot at 916 Chestnut Street and enclosed is a cahiers check for 10% in the amount of \$256.00 and upon acceptance of this bid ISCA will execute a check in the amount of \$2,304.00 equal to the balance of \$2560.00.

Mr. Varano states this is the only bid that we received and asks if anyone would like to make a motion to accept the bid.

MOTION- Mr. Bozza makes the motion and was seconded by Mr. Scicchitano to accept the \$2560.00 bid from ISCA Enterprise Inc. to purchase 916 Chestnut Street.

Mr. Winhofer questions if council is aware that there is almost \$9,000.00 in taxpayers money spent on this lot and \$100,000.00 of fines that were wiped away.

Mr. Varano replied, duly noted and asks if there are any other questions.

The Mayor questions why we are giving it away.

Mr. Varano replied that we did not vote yet.

ROLL CALL VOTE- BOZZA (yes), DEITRICK (absent), MOTYKA (no), NIGLIO (yes), SCICCHITANO (yes), VARANO (yes), WINHOFER (no)

4 YEAS – 2 NAYS

MAYORS REPORT (Bernard P. Novakoski)

Mayor Novakoski states that he was in touch with PennDot and that he and Mrs. Niglio were going to try and have the signs moved from the middle of the street to the south side of Chestnut Street to poles on the sidewalk so that they would still be visible. The Mayor States that PennDot is deadly against that.

Mrs. Niglio adds that they said we would have to use the signs that are recommended by Penn Dot, metal signs.

Mr. Scicchitano questions if Catawissa is doing it differently and states that he saw the post sign and then they have the signs like we do.

Mrs. Niglio replied that they are doing it illegally.

The Mayor adds that it would cost too much money.

Mrs. Niglio states that when PennDot finds something done illegally they just go in and then make them change it to what it is supposed to be.

Mr. Varano questions if PennDot would buy the signs. The Mayor states that we would have to buy them. The Mayor states that he talked to Penn Dot on using the jake brake coming in from Mount Carmel, the speed limit goes from a 35 to a 25 and states from what he understands a formal letter requesting a study and they will come in and do it for us.

Mrs. Niglio states that they will come in and do the survey and states that chances are that he has been here in our area and the engineer feels that it would be approved.

Mrs. Niglio states that it has to be less than a 4% grade and as long as it is not a 55 MPH zone. Mayor Novakoski states that he is going to talk to them about that and see what PennDot will do for us and let everyone know what the outcome is.

Mr. Bozza questions the Mayor on what was discussed last month on more police protection and states that he knows that we discussed about putting some cops on more night shift and asks if that has been changed. Mayor Novakoski states that he switched himself to later shift and states that he still does not have enough of cops. Mayor Novakoski states that he still did not hear from what's her name and does not know what is going on with her. Mr. Bozza states that we have got to do something here in town at night because there is lot of stuff going on at night.

Mr. Varano added especially since school let out. Mr. Bozza said that the state police have been spending a lot of time here and states that he thinks we have to seriously think about instead of having a cop come in at seven in the morning until three or whenever and then have nobody on from three until whenever.

Mr. Varano states that we won't discuss hours.

Mayor Novakoski states that he will see if we can get somebody else on the force, we lost one. Mr. Bozza said he does not think we should see about it we should do it.

Mayor Novakoski states that the hard part is trying to find someone to work part time, and asks who wants the job and wants to work part time three or five hours and states everybody is looking for a full time job with benefits and that it's very hard to get part time police.

Mayor Novakoski states that the Chief and he have been looking and the one person interested we are waiting on some information for her to start.

Mrs. Niglio states that her numbers, they only will release them and states that she was going to try and speak to the Chief, it has to do with the numbers so Mrs. Niglio states that she will try to get him tomorrow.

Mrs. Niglio states that she does want to comment on this police issue and these hours not being released. Mrs. Niglio states that she has not seen a police schedule as of yet and she has been asking for one since she became a councilwomen.

Mayor Novakoski replied that he does not give them out.

Mrs. Niglio states that is a joke because everyone in town knows when there is no cop on duty and all they do is call here and when the message comes on they assume there is no one on and they call 911 and 911 says they will call the state police because there is no cop on duty in Kulpmont, so all anyone has to do is call there and they will tell them if there is no cop on duty.

Mrs. Niglio asks as a councilperson why she should have to call the 911 center to find out if we have a cop on duty and states that she should know if we have a cop on duty.

Mrs. Niglio states that we are supposed to be the active eyes in our community watching for stuff and if you are in the borough and something is happening and you are an official why would you not know that information, it does not make sense to me.

Mr. Varano replied that they call off also and they are not going to call four, five or six councilpersons and tell them they called off, they will call their supervisor.

Mrs. Niglio replied that they can call off but still, and states that they do not have to call everyone but we should have a basic idea of hours and states that she already requested it not even in name form.

Mrs. Niglio states that she is not checking anybody's time or schedule and states that she just wants to know if we have a cop on duty and that's it.

Mr. Bozza states that 90% of the time he gets a call and he calls there isn't and states that most of the activity is done at night.

Mrs. Niglio states that she has done it already, if nobody answers you call 911 and then they say there is no cop on duty, so if anyone wants to know if there is a cop on duty its not a secret.

Mr. Varano states that all they have to do is call 911.

Mrs. Niglio replied that you are missing the point; anybody can find out that information and asks why a councilperson cannot have a copy of the schedule.

Mayor Novakoski states that they may not even be right.

Mr. Varano states that they could change a lot because when you have a part time cop believe me it's a nightmare.

Mr. Bozza asks if this is something we can discuss in executive session.

Mr. Varano replied exactly, he does not like the hours to be discussed in public because you are telling the criminals when we have coverage and when we do not.

Mrs. Niglio states we are not criminals.

Mr. Varano states that he is not saying we are criminals; it's that you're tipping everybody off on when we have coverage.

Mayor Novakoski states when you say there is nobody on duty on the weekend it's a free town, we switch them on the hours on the weekend nobody works the same.....Mr. Varano interjects and states that we will discuss this further in executive session.

SECRETARY REPORT (Rhonda Wilk)

Rhonda states that approval is needed on the meeting minutes from the May 13th and the May 20th regular monthly meeting.

MOTION- Mr. Bozza makes the motion and was seconded by Mr. Winhofer to approve the meeting minutes from the May 13th and the May 20th.

VOICE VOTE-

Unanimous

Rhonda Wilk informed council that thank you letters have been sent out to K of C Council, American Legion Home Association and the Kulpmont Sportsman's Association and that the Special Event Permit was received for the car cruise.

Rhonda states that a letter was received from the Church of Holy Angels Parish requesting for permission to close the 800 block of Fir Street for the Parish Picnic and also to hold their fireworks display.

A copy of the liability insurance was received from the Zerbini Family Circus, Inc. which is being held tonight and that correspondence was received from the City of Shamokin for their 150th Anniversary participation by local law enforcement in the parade and states all correspondence was copied to council and mayor.

Mr. Varano states that we probably will not be able to send anybody from law enforcement to participate in Shamokin's anniversary parade. The Mayor agrees and states that we just had this conversation.

Mr. Motyka states that we will need to act on the request for the picnic.

MOTION- Mr. Winhofer made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Motyka to close the 800 block of Fir Street for the Holy Angels Picnic.

Mr. Motyka questions what about the fireworks. Mr. Varano states that is up to the mayor. Mr. Winhofer states that the motion was to close the 800 block of Fir Street.

VOICE VOTE-

Unanimous

Mr. Varano directs the Mayor to take care of the fireworks and states that has always been the Mayors domain. Mr. Varano states that it's a great responsibility. The Mayor agrees.

TREASURERS REPORT (Paul A. Niglio, Jr.)

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

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

ROLL CALL VOTE- BOZZA (yes), DEITRICK (absent), MOTYKA (yes), NIGLIO (yes), SCICCHITANO (yes), VARANO (yes), WINHOFER (abstain)
5 YEAS –0 NAYS – 1 ABSTAIN

SOLICITORS REPORT (William C. Cole)

Mr. Cole states that at some point this evening, we have a re-draft of the oversize vehicle ordinance which was distributed by Councilwomen Niglio and states that he does not know if everyone has had a chance to read that or not.

Mr. Varano states that we will discuss this later; we will not be acting on this evening.

POLICE REPORT (Chief Michael Pitcavage)

Police report, attachment 2. Mr. Varano states that the Chief is not here, he is working.

FIRE CHIEFS REPORT (Jeffrey Gilotti)

Fire Chiefs report, attachment 3.

Mr. Bozza announced that the fire police vehicle is back in service; it was inspected and is good to go. Mr. Varano questions if it was the undersized alternator.

Mr. Bozza said it was the alternator.

Mr. Varano states that he would like to thank the Fire Department for providing lights at the circus.

The Mayor comments that it is still going on.

Mr. Varano comments that he hopes the rain holds off.

The Mayor states that it doesn't matter, the show will end at 8:00 and they will be gone by 10:00. He comments that they are so efficient, he watches them every year.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (Kevin O'Hearn)

No Report

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

Report, attachment 4

CODE/HEALTH ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS REPORT (Russ Moroz)

Report, attachment 5

Mr. Varano comments that is a pretty big attachment and asks if anybody has any questions for Russ.

Mr. Bozza states that he has some questions for Mr. Moroz and states that we had some problems here about a week or two ago, the people who moved into a half double on the 1100 block and they stored their garbage in the basement and it must have been for months because when these other people moved in you could smell it.

Mr. Bozza questions the solicitor if there is anyway that we could get into these houses if we have reason to believe that they are storing garbage in their house or basement because there is a couple of homes that they are dealing with now.

The Solicitor William C. Cole states that if it is bad enough and poses a big enough safety concern we could have the Chief or one of the officers apply at the magistrate for a search warrant.

Mr. Bozza asks the question if we would have to get a search warrant.

Mr. Cole replied that it depends on the circumstances but generally that would be the remedy to get inside there unless again there was some other health and safety issue or if the code officer was going to go in and condemn the property because of water shut off or something of that nature.

Mr. Cole adds that if the fire department is in there on a fire call and red tagged the furnace or something like that, but barring that the remedy would be a search warrant.

Mr. Scicchitano questions the fact that even if it is a rental property.

Mr. Cole replied that again, we could certainly contact the owner and he would know the rights of entry because he would have the contract with the tenant and if he would believe that he could leave us in there we could certainly go in under that as a consensual search of property.

Mr. Varano questions if we would be able to do that.

Mr. Cole replied sure, if he owns the property and he is comfortable to leave us in there based on the contract that he has with the tenant then we could certainly go in there.

Mr. Varano questions where we are at with the guy down on the 1200 block.

Mr. Moroz states that citations have been filed and we are set to go on that, the Chief filed that.

Mr. Varano questions where we are at with the situation on the 700 block of Chestnut. Mr. Moroz states that one set of citations are at the magistrate now and the next set of citations, a set of 20 are to be filed next week and states that at that time he is going to call the magistrate and see if we can loop them together, he will be sitting on a substantial fine amount.

Mr. Bozza questions if the one on Chestnut is a bigger one, bigger citation.

Mr. Cole states that it is not a citation it is a criminal complaint under crime codes section and public nuisance, so there will be a preliminary hearing scheduled on that within 10 days before Judge Jones.

Mr. Cole states that the other ones they will be handled normally as all of the others Mr. Moroz has filed, they will be taken care of as far as citations also in front of the same magistrate but as code citations.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (Philip Scicchitano)

No Report

SERVICE AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE (Nicholas Bozza)

Mr. Bozza states that he and Bruce went around the borough with Barry from Penn Dot to pick out the worst streets and there was quite a few, but we are trying to get them done.

Mr. Bozza states that we have a budget of \$55,000.00 to spend and these streets are coming in to mill and pave at \$24,000.00, \$25,000.00 for one street so out of the streets we picked out we are going to pick out two, possible three and put them out for bid here just to give you a heads up.

Mr. Bozza states that also we have a bunch of bikes and questions where we got them or if they have been just picked up along the way.

The Mayor answered that they are evidence and that he asked the Chief about that because he wanted to give them to the wounded warriors.

Mr. Bozza asks if we cannot give them away and states that some of them have been here for 3 years.

The Mayor replied not really, they are evidence.

Mr. Varano questions the solicitor on how long we have to keep them.

Mr. Cole replied that it would depend on if there was an active case connected to them.

Mr. Varano states that we used to give them away; we would have a day and advertise it and kids would come up and could get a bike.

Mr. Bozza states that we will then have the Chief let Rhonda know and then she could advertise for a date for whoever wants one to come up.

Mr. Varano states that we should get some freebies off of Then News Item, it's not like we are making any money off of them.

Mr. Rob Wheary from The News Item replied to forward him the information.

Mr. Bozza states that the food surplus distribution will be held on Thursday June 26th from 8AM until 12 noon in the Borough Garage. It was changed from the 19th. The 19th we have the cross walk safety demonstration.

Mr. Varano questions Mr. Bozza on the streets we have listed for paving and asks if he has the specs on all of them and everything ready to go to put them out on bid. Mr. Bozza states that he does.

MOTION- Mr. Bozza makes the motion when a decision is made on which streets we are to do to advertise for bids not to exceed \$55,000.00 and was seconded by Mr. Scicchitano.

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

Mr. Varano asks how we are doing with that white pick up truck. Mr. Bozza replied that nobody wants it. Mr. Bozza states that we can get four or five hundred bucks for it, the transmission is going it needs new tires and a lot of work and it will need at least \$2,000.00 to be put into it or more if someone buys it.

MOTION- Mr. Bozza made the motion to scrap the pick up truck and was seconded by Mrs. Niglio.

VOICE VOTE-

Unanimous

Mr. Bozza states that there is a recycling trailer that we have not used for three four years and states that he guesses that we got it through a grant and states that we are not using it.

Mr. Varano states that we got them all through a grant.

Mr. Winhofer questioned if it is not used for anything and states that if it's not hurting anything....

Mr. Varano states that you can't get rid of it right away, the contract on the grants are about five years.

Mr. Scicchitano states that he is here six, its here as long as me. Mr. Winhofer comments that it is not hurting anything.

Mr. Bozza states that it is just sitting there, if there is another town or township that can use it. I don't know.

Mr. Varano states that you really do not want to get rid of anything yet, you may decide that you want to expand your recycling program and you may need it.

Mr. Bozza states that we will hang onto it.

FINANCE COMMITTEE (Stephen Motyka)

Mr. Motyka states that there was some discussion last month on Service Electric phone service and they have agreed on a one year contract rather than the three year contract.

Mr. Varano questions when the change will take place. Mr. Motyka states that it will take place on June 23rd.

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE (Stephanie Niglio)

Mrs. Niglio states that further request of the Mayor and Chief Pitcavage we have scheduled a safety event to be held up here on Thursday June 19th at 12 noon. She states that some of it will be held in the senior center and some of it will be done as a demonstration at the crosswalks.

Mrs. Niglio states that it is not a senior project, we are using the center to do the power point presentation but it's even for children or anybody just so that everyone is familiar with the laws and what we are doing in Kulpmont in regards to the pedestrian devices.

Mrs. Niglio states that it will answer a lot of questions as to what the motorist and the pedestrians are supposed to do. She asks all to encourage anyone that they know to come and states that it is for anyone.

Mrs. Niglio states that she would like to see a good turnout for it and states that we have a gentlemen coming in from Schuylkill County who is very educated in this and he gives presentations to senior centers and to school children, he is very good.

Mrs. Niglio states that before the mayor institutes a policy where they are just going to get ticketed, they felt that letting the residents have some type of information to help them along would be good.

Mrs. Niglio states that this event will be held rain or shine on Thursday June 19th at 12:00 Noon.

Mayor Novakoski states that when he was getting his picture taken he almost was ran over six times and then when he finally stepped out further into the street the lady going by just looked at him so he sent the squad car after her and she said to the police officer, "I am sorry I seen him there but I didn't want to stop." Mayor Novakoski states that the officer was courteous and let her know that he was doing a test run, but he states that he bets that next time she stops.

Mr. Varano comments that is why education is needed on this, people are really in the dark on these things, they assume a lot but they don't really know.

Mayor Novakoski states that they are going to get very educated after the 19th of June.

Mrs. Niglio states the ordinance committee has a start on the rough draft on this oversized vehicle ordinance, so we have a good start, we good input from the areas where we needed to get it and states that she typed up a draft and there is some typos in it and a couple questions we have legality wise so we can discuss this more.

**TAPE MALFUNCTION FROM THIS POINT TO REMAINDER OF THE
MEETING**

Mrs. Niglio states that she would like the minutes to reflect that there are two landlords present at the meeting.

GRANTS AND RECREATION (Mr. Deitrick)

No Report. Mr. Varano questions Rhonda Wilk on the Home Grant if applications are still being taken. Rhonda states that applications are still being taken and the guidelines for the grant are attached to the applications. She states that applications are available in the Borough office.

BUILDING COMMITTEE (Stephen Motyka)

Mr. Motyka states that the bore tests are back and the Building placement has been decided and will be put out to bid. We will then get some numbers in the Department of Agriculture's Hands.

SENIOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (Winhofer, Varano and Dietrick)

No Report

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Varano wishes everyone a happy fathers day and 4th of July. The Community Yard Sale will be held Saturday June 21st and the Kulpmont Car Cruise on the 22nd. Of June.

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Janie Ortona from 1113A Poplar Street states that there are 3 properties that are tagged unfit for Human Habitation and states that the situation is bad.

Mr. Moroz tagged these properties violations for condition of porches, grass, water and sewage. The property manager states that they are working on taking care of this.

Mr. Varano states that the owner should be fined daily.

Mr. Moroz replied that the tenant at 1102 Scott Street is being fined.

Mr. Moroz states that there is five feet of garbage in the garage.

Mr. Varano states comments to fine him daily until it is cleaned up.

Mr. Bozza said the problem is people have to live next to this.

Mr. Varano states that you have to go through the legalities.

MarySue Mirarck of 1115 Poplar Street states that the neighbor had to have her house supported up and that several houses are in danger of collapse because of the property. She states that one door goes under two houses and that door is under the vacant house and the garbage is under both houses, and the porches are falling down. MarySue Mirarck states that there is an odor as well.

Mr. Moroz states that on a fire call for the odor smell the Fire Department and the Code can get in there.

Ms. Mirarck states that the electricity is still on in there. Ms. Mirarck states that on the 900 block of Scott, her daughter is at 925 and 927 is the one owned by the famous landlord and this home has not been lived in since the 70's. She states that there are gaps in the door in the basement and door jams are missing and that there is a rat problem in that block.

Mr. Varano comments that the gaps need to be closed or cats, rats and whatever else wants to will get in there.

Ms. Mirarck states that these are big sewer rats and that there are three vacant homes with dried out toilets with easy access for these rats.

Mr. Moroz states that he will address this issue.

Ms. Mirarck comments that concerning the building that was falling down on the 1100 block of Poplar Street that it is down to the foundation and said that the grass needs to be cut or the rabbits will be killed taking that out.

Mr. Joe Cesari displays the shirts that will be sold for the car cruise this year at Fuel-On here in Kulpmont for \$15.00.

Mr. Cesari states that documentation was left for signs on poles with Bruce and the police and states that Rhonda knows to put something in the paper on parking on Chestnut Street.

Mr. Cesari announced that the Grand Marshalls for this years cruise to be held on June 22nd will be the Mount Carmel High School Greats, Valedictorian and Salutatorian, Odyssey of the Minds team, the girls basketball team, band members and members of the girls and boys track team who placed in district and states meets.

Mr. Cesari announced that they are now incorporated and have a tax ID number and that they insure all of the officers. He states that anybody is welcome to come to the meetings.

Mr. Cesari states that all organizations should apply for their own tax ID number and that the booster organization could apply for different things and benefit from having their own tax ID number.

Mr. Cesari states that copies are keep for records on the Mahoney Brothers, the Cruise everything is logged in the checkbook what went in and what was spent.

Mr. Cesari states that he will give Rhonda copies to be available in the office.

Mike Sinopoli asks for the Borough to help paint the west end fire tower which is used for a disaster such as a hurricane for evacuation. He states it's not just a West End responsibility and that it is the only tower in town.

Mr. Varano asks about quotes and if he has any.

Mr. Sinopoli states that the quote was \$3,000.00 to \$5,000.00.

Mr. Bozza adds that it is bad and has to be sandblasted down to the metal.

Mr. Sinopoli asked about a fire truck and states that they cannot get parts for the fire truck and the Hahn has safety issues such as no closed cab and such.

Mr. Varano replied that when the East Ends fire truck was paid off the Borough came to you guys to see if you needed one and nobody wanted one.

Mr. Sinopoli asks what needs to be done to start the paperwork.

Mr. Bozza questions if we could get rid of one. Mr. Varano suggests perhaps selling privately.

Mr. Sinopoli comments that it is time to update.

Mr. Varano makes the suggestion to get rid of both trucks and go down to one.

Mr. Winhofer questions how much they have for this.

Mr. Sinopoli replied that we will discuss that when the time comes.

Mr. Siko adds that there are so many variations, new or used, seating, pump size and states that its a lot but doable.

Mr. Varano states that the fire department will have to meet with the borough officials, finance and the treasurer on this.

Mr. Niglio added that it was a 10 year plan last time with the East End.

Mr. Lutz states that he is a taxpayer and would like to make a request for a free library to be placed at the playground and states that he asked Mr. Niglio to pass this request on at last months meeting.

Mr. Lutz said that placing the library at the playground will allow it to be open all of the time and states that he is asking for a yes or no on this.

MOTION- Mr. Motyka makes the motion and was seconded by Mr. Bozza to allow Mr. Lutz to have a library case placed at the playground and positioned to be visible to the cameras.

VOICE VOTE-

Unanimous

Mr. Lutz states that he would like to inform council that he intends to challenge the loan application for the boroughs new municipal complex. He states that he read everything in the file of the U.S. Department of Agriculture and found several issues and plans to contact the Inspector General's office to challenge to review a number of issues on file.

Mr. Lutz stated that he is looking for everyone to just calm down and look at everything with an open mind.

Mr. Lutz states that one item he did not like in the file was a letter that was sent by Mr. Varano stating that the population was greatly in favor of the project with only two residents opposed.

Mr. Lutz commented that Mr. Chesney has petitions and states that there are a few more against the building project than just two.

Mr. Lutz stated that he met with two men Mr. Ward and that he couldn't remember the other gentlemen's name. Mr. Lutz stated that he went through correspondence and that he has issues and will be issuing a challenge.

Mr. Lutz questions council on what was spent to date. He states that what is known of is \$8,000.00 that was not on a listing, money spent to Brinjac and up to \$21,000 to a bond firm could be spent. Mr. Lutz questions if this information is available.

Mr. Varano replied that he could request the information.

Mr. Lutz questions money to be spent on an audit.

Mr. Varano replied that money was not spent, at this time there was no additional audit, the audit done was by elected auditors.

Mr. Bozza questions Mr. Lutz on his taking it upon himself to paint the signs at both ends of Kulpmont.

Mr. Lutz addressed Mr. Bozza with an incorrect pronunciation of his name and stated that the signs were outrageous. Mr. Lutz then asked Mr. Bozza how to pronounce his name.

Mr. Bozza replied that he should have contacted him or someone at the borough first and states that those signs were donated and would have been repaired or replaced by Mr. Goretski in memory of his parents.

Mr. Lutz said as a citizen it looked like hell and so he painted them.

Mr. Bozza made the statement that you cannot just take the liberty to paint on your own.

Mr. Lutz stated that they look better. Mrs. Niglio stated that the paint was all over.

Mr. Lutz said he may have spilled some paint.

Mr. Bozza stated that they have since been replaced. Mr. Lutz questioned Mr. Bozza on if he will have to pay a fine or was he going to be arrested.

Mr. Robert Chesney of 929 Pine Street stated that he was glad to see a summary of bills at last months meeting and states that he would like to see a summary of bills and money spent on the new building project to date and asks if that is available.

Mr. Varano states that he could request that information with a Right to know request in the borough office. Mr. Chesney responded with that he will have 10 Right to know requests for tomorrow.

Mr. Bozza comments on citizens interested in having gas available in the borough to go in to UGI and personally fill out the request for gas service and states that he has a full sheet of signatures and encourages anyone interested to stop in the office and sign the sheet of interest and to also contact UGI with their interest and request for the gas service.

Mr. Varano states that he would encourage everyone to put in their request for gas service to be available to them. Mr. Sinopoli states that he was given a price of \$4500.00 to run it and then another \$2500.00 to go into his home.

Mr. Varano states that he was given an outrageous price to run it and then additional \$2500.00 to run the gas into his home.

Mr. Varano states that the gas company is looking for model towns to run the gas lines throughout and if the borough is picked as one of these communities this would be done for next to nothing. Mr. Varano states that everyone should go onto the UGI gas company website and contact Rhonda at the borough office to sign your name and show your interest for gas service.

The Kulpmont Borough Solicitor William C. Cole states that council met in executive session for approximately 1 and ½ hours for personnel and contractual matters

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT THE CALL OF THE CHAIR

**RHONDA WILK
SECRETARY**

DATE OF APPROVAL