

**KULPMONT BOROUGH
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**

May 13, 2020

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 May 13, 2020

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, Secretary Rhonda Wilk, Code Official Heather Owens, Borough Supervisor Bruce Graff

OTHERS PRESENT: Joe Politza, Albert Rosetta, Douglas Katalinas, Barry Fetterman, Marshall Mirarchi, III., Kevin O’Hearn and Matt Siko

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

No one spoke

PRESIDENTS REPORT – (Robert M. Slaby)

Mr. Slaby welcomed all to meeting and thanked everyone for coming.

MAYORS REPORT- (Nicholas Bozza)

Mayor Bozza stated an order was placed for two sets of shackles for the Police Department.

Mayor Bozza stated the Pollination Garden is progressing testing and soil samples are being done and stated the concrete should be poured possibly by the end of May.

The Mayor stated the community clean up was a success and he thanked everyone involved and all who helped.

Mayor Bozza stated the Kulpmont Car Cruise that is normally held during Father’s Day weekend has been canceled as he has been notified by Joe Cesari. Mayor Bozza stated at the end of the month May 24th Joe Cesari is planning on doing a drive through Shamokin,

Kulpmont and Mount Carmel. Mayor Bozza stated Mr. Cesari is planning for them to meet and then just do a drive through the area. Mayor Bozza stated he just wanted to mention that.

Mayor Bozza stated he feels a decision should be made on whether there will be a community yard sale held in the borough. Mayor Bozza stated he thinks this should be discussed and a decision made.

Mr. Slaby addressed the Mayor and stated the governors order is still in effect in regard to the social distancing. Mr. Slaby stated he does not mean to be repetitious and then said everyone knows where he works explaining he has decisions to make in the City of Shamokin as Council does here in the Borough, only in a different setting. Mr. Slaby stated a lot of things are being cancelled in the City of Shamokin as they are elsewhere.

Mr. Slaby said the City swimming pool is not opening, fireworks are probably not going to happen. Mr. Slaby made the comment that he does not know how you encourage people to get together while social distancing. Mr. Slaby stated he recalled himself and the Mayor had a conversation in regards to the Easter Bunny and stated he understands we all want to get together and help people of our community to feel better, but questioned are you doing the right thing, are you really doing the right thing.

Mr. Slaby stated he is the one that got that Car Cruise started and is a big supporter of Joe Cesari and the Car Cruise. Mr. Slaby stated there are several councilmen sitting here and stated he would go as far as to say vote on it, a decision needs to be made and stated he would say let's take a vote on it. Mayor Bozza replied he is fine with that, whatever the decision is, adding he feels a decision should be made because it is getting close.

MOTION- Mr. Motyka made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Fanella to cancel the yard sale the yard sale that was to be held in June and postpone for further discussion.

Mr. Slaby questioned if the motion is to postpone until the June meeting. Mr. Motyka replied he is saying cancel the June sale and postpone and possibly we could look at having one in the Fall depending on the situation.

Mr. Chesney stated he thinks the yard sale cancelation he feels is the right thing to do, because people are touching things and putting them back. Mr. Chesney stated unlike the car cruise, that is another story. He stated people can self-distance themselves, there will be no awards or entrance fee, it would be more like people just driving through as any other vehicle.

Mr. Chesney stated he would think people may come out to see the cruise, which would be no more than a busy day in traffic but would the borough be liable if people came out and sat on each other's laps and risk something, it does not give us any legal liability if we agreed. Mr. Slaby replied it is a state highway and it is under their control, but can you rally technically stop traveling on Route 61, "No," not unless there would be an

emergency. Mr. Slaby then stated the question is do you want to put borough council in a situation where you are encouraging people to come out.

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

Mayor Bozza stated he spoke with Mr. Shinskie, the Commander of the Legion and stated the Memorial Parade has been canceled. He stated they will visit the cemeteries and there will be a short ceremony at the Roosevelt and stated there will be something in The News Item.

Mayor Bozza stated he has been getting complaints about garbage collectors picking up garbage very early in the Borough, 3:00, 4:00 or 5:00 o'clock in the morning. Mr. Slaby stated there was an issue like this back when he was Mayor and stated he at that time had the Chief contact the collector and that put an end to it. Mayor Bozza stated he will have Chief Foust contact the two companies that he is receiving complaints about. Mr. Dowkus commented the Ordinance committee is working on a noise ordinance.

Mayor Bozza stated he received an email from the KFBA from Mr. Shimko that said they are going to try to proceed with their baseball season if they go according to the COVID guidelines and stated he was emailed a list of the guidelines and he will ask Rhonda to get the guidelines to all Council for review and then stated it will be up to Borough Council to approve it. Mr. Slaby stated again, we need to keep in mind the situation and question if they are going to be able to follow and to keep that concession stand clean and everything. Mayor Bozza stated they must go according to state government officials and they will need to approve on it as well.

SECRETARY'S REPORT- (Rhonda Wilk)

Rhonda Wilk stated approval is needed for the regular meeting on March 11, 2020 regular monthly meeting minute. There are no minutes from April 2020 due to the meeting being canceled because of COVID-19.

MOTION – Mr. Sinopoli made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Bielskie to approve the meeting minutes from the March 11, 2020 meeting.

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

Rhonda Wilk stated Correspondence was received from the PA Department of Environmental Protection dated March 13, 2020 regarding the storage tanks and that was copied to Mayor and Council.

Correspondence was received on the Kulpmont Clean up event and that was copied to both Mayor and Council.

Rhonda stated a letter was received from Tara Purcell the Director of Elections, Northumberland County asking for verification that the voting location at the Borough for the Primary Election to be held on June 2nd is still available. Copied to Mayor and Council.

Mr. Chesney stated he would not see a problem with it and added he would think they would be responsible to practice the social distancing and sanitation wipes etc....

Rhonda Wilk read the letter to members of council. Mr. Slaby asked if anyone was in objection of the borough building being used for voting.

No objections.

Correspondence was also received from Heavy and Highway Construction Workers Local Union No. 158, a letter of support and offer of services and volunteer labor on the restroom grant project, estimated savings to the borough \$7,500.00 on that project at the Veterans Memorial Complex.

A letter was also received from the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America- Carpenters Local Union 445 and estimated savings to the Borough to be approximately \$14,000.00, Copied to both Mayor and Council.

Correspondence was received from Representative Kurt A. Masser in support for DCNR Community Recreation and Conservation Grant in the amount of \$64,607.30 regarding the restroom project at the Veterans Memorial Field, copied to both Mayor and Council.

Lower Anthracite Transportation System sent correspondence notifying the Borough of its share to be paid of \$564.00 match for fiscal year 2020/2021. Resolution #751 will need to adopt upon Council approval. Copied Mayor and Council

MOTION- Mr. Bielskie made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Chesney to adopt resolution #751 and approve the borough match of \$564.00 be paid to the Lower Anthracite Transportation System.

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

Mr. Niglio commented concerning the L.A.T.S resolution, this is a yearly thing we do, just so everyone is aware.

Correspondence was received from Guardian concerning the renewal of dental benefits for the employees. The cost for dental benefits will remain the same and there will be no increase of cost, Copy to Treasurer and Finance Committee.

MOTION- Mr. Chesney made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Sinopoli to renew dental coverage with Guardian Dental.

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

7 YEAS – 0 NAY

Rhonda Wilk stated we received a late correspondence from the St. Pauline Foundation concerning the Zerbini Family Circus, they regret to notify the borough that the circus that was scheduled to be held in the borough has been canceled for this year.

Rhonda Wilk stated correspondence was just received from the Northumberland County Commissioners office adding they are going to extend the face value on the property taxes up to September, they will not go into the penalty, there was a request for the Borough to respond back on Council's stand on that.

Mr. Slaby directed a statement to the treasurer and stated he would recommend going along with the County Commissioners and adopt a resolution identical to them and asked if he has any recommendations. The Treasurer, Mr. Niglio agreed and stated he would recommend the same to make everything easier.

The Solicitor stated the Borough should adopt a resolution indicating Covid Pandemic Act 15 of 2020 to accept tax payment through September 30, 2020 at face value if that is the decision of Borough Council.

MOTION – Mr. Motyka made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Bielski to adopt Resolution #752 indicating Covid Pandemic Act 15 of 2020 to accept tax payment through September 30, 2020 at face value, same as Northumberland County resolved to do.

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

7 YEAS – 0 NAY

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.

Mr. Slaby questioned since we did not have an April meeting if we will be approving both this months and prior months bills. Mr. Niglio replied we should do that. Mr. Niglio stated we have both statements from March and April, and the list of bills for the current month.

MOTION- Mr. Dowkus made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Sinopoli to approve the bills and financial statement and pay to bills for March and April.

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

7 YEAS – 0 NAYS

Mr. Chesney questioned Treasurer Niglio about the bill from Anderson and Associates asking if this is the last bill to be paid to Anderson and Associates.

Mr. Niglio replied we will need to pay Anderson and Associates for 2019 services on the GASB 67 and GASB 68 that was done in January and February that will be transmitted to Klacik and Associates for our annual audit. Mr. Niglio stated these are services required by law and the GASB 67 and 68 cost is \$1,000.00.

Mr. Niglio stated the answer to Mr. Chesney's question, at this point in time we have not engaged Anderson and Associates for 2020 consulting services. He stated that bill is \$3000.00 and stated he has not submitted that because we are in the process of switching the police pension fund to the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System.

Mr. Niglio stated due to the current situation it is still in process and hopefully it will be done this year and so we will not engage Anderson and Associated for 2020. Mr. Niglio stated with everything closed it everything does not work out in a timely fashion; we may need to engage Anderson and Associates. Mr. Niglio directed his reply to Mr. Chesney stating at this time, he cannot answer his question on if we will need to engage Anderson.

MOTION- Mr. Dowkus made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Bielskie to pay Anderson and Associates \$1,000.00 for the 2019 services GASB 67 and GASB 68 that was done in January and February.

ROLL CALL VOTE- DOWKUS (yes), MOTYKA (yes), CHESNEY (abstain), FANELLA (yes), SINOPOLI (yes), BIELSKIE (yes), SLABY (yes)
6 YEAS – 0 NAY- 1 abstain

SOLICITORS REPORT- (Edward Greco)

No Report

POLICE CHIEFS REPORT – (Nathan Foust)

Police Report Attachment #2

Mr. Slaby questioned Chief Foust on the police vehicles asking if they are both repaired and back in service.

Chief Foust replied yes and stated they are both fully in service.

Mr. Slaby questioned what the computer situation is. Chief Foust replied that all has been taken care of and is fine with the computers.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT – (Jeff Gilotti)

Fire Chief Report Attachments #3

Fire Chief Gilotti requested to meet with Council in executive session for personnel matters.

Mr. Slaby questioned if the furnace is now fixed in the truck room. Bruce Graff replied yes, they were here on Friday and is working.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – (Kevin O’ Hearn)

No Report

Mr. O’Hearn stated he has been in touch with and corresponding information with the Mayor and Rhonda Wilk from the County, the Governor and Department of Health. He stated EMA requested if there are any additional expenses that it is tracked and turned into the EMA on a regular basis. Mr. Niglio replied we did not have any. Mr. O’Hearn replied he did not think so but that was part of the resolution that he spoke to the Mayor about.

Mayor Bozza made the comment, Mr. O’Hearn has been doing a great job. Mayor Bozza questioned Mr. O’Hearn if the procedure he is following by renewing the proclamation each time it runs out is the proper way to do it. Kevin O’Hearn replied the governor has not given great direction on what to do to ensure the proclamations continue. Mr. O’Hearn stated he believes what is currently being done by signing a new proclamation upon expiration is fine and a good idea to do so.

Mr. Slaby thanked Mr. O’Hearn on behalf of Borough Council.

BUILDING INSPECTOR’S REPORT– (Tri County COG)

Report Attachment #4

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

Report Attachment #5

SERVICE AND FACILITIES – (Robert Fanella)

Mr. Fanella stated the food surplus will be held on May 21st from 8 a.m. until 12 noon at the Borough Garage.

Mr. Fanella stated on the 6th Street project, he talked with the Engineer from Livic and stated that project will not be happening until September when the water levels are lower.

Mr. Fanella stated the traffic light will need to be inspected. Bruce Graff stated we call Kreco Electric to schedule to have that done. Mr. Fanella questioned Bruce Graff on the cost for that. Bruce Graff replied he does not recall what the cost was. Mr. Niglio said he thinks it is usually about \$50.00 for the inspection and then if there is anything that

needs to be replaced. Rhonda Wilk stated she believes the last bill was in the Two or Three-hundred-dollar range.

MOTION- Mr. Fanella made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Motyka to have service inspection done on the traffic light at a cost up to \$300.00.

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

Mr. Dowkus questioned if we were going to have the pedestrian crossing signs out now that the weather is getting nice and more people are out.

Mr. Slaby questioned if we have these signs. Mr. Fanella replied yes and stated last year we did at both entrance into the borough adding we also get a lot of complaints about them because our streets are narrow. Mayor Bozza stated we should have one at town park. Mr. Slaby agreed. Mr. Fanella stated by Turkey Hill, it does not work because they are constantly hit by tractor trailers and then Bruce needs to keep fetching them and putting them back up. Mr. Fanella stated he will get with Bruce Graff on getting them out.

Mr. Fanella announced our recycling will start up; we will be collecting plastic on Tuesday and we may need to finish up collecting plastic on Wednesday. Mr. Fanella stated our newspaper and mixed paper bins are open adding Coal Township did not bring our cardboard bin back yet. Mayor Bozza commented when it is brought back that will fill up quick.

Mr. Fanella stated that is all he has and stated Mr. Motyka has some items to discuss under Service and Facilities.

Mr. Motyka stated everyone has had a chance to review the complaint form and stated he would like to begin to use it and explained how this may help to get concerns to the proper person so they may be addressed. Mr. Motyka stated he would like to adopt this form and develop a policy to be adopted at a later meeting. Mr. Slaby stated he agrees with this form and would like to see it used immediately and then the complaints should go to the appropriate person and committee.

MOTION- Mr. Motyka made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Dowkus to adopt a complaint form now and will adopt the policy at a later meeting.

Mr. Dowkus questioned if it will be out online or in the office. Mr. Slaby stated he is sure they could be placed out on the counter or possibly made available online. Rhonda Wilk stated she will look into setting it up to put it online. Rhonda Wilk stated it will also it would be available in the office or if they call, she stated she would be able to email or fax it to the person.

VOICE VOTE-

Unanimous

Mr. Motyka stated he and Mr. Slaby attended a phone conference with UGI and stated they agreed to install gas on the 600 and 700 blocks of Pine Street by this fall. Mr. Slaby stated that was a very good phone conference. Mr. Motyka stated they will bring a proposal for review. Mr. Motyka stated we could possibly adopt the language used in the last project in 2018 about road openings and such. Mr. Motyka stated there may be some things in the work with the Public Utility Commission that we may get even more projects in Kulpmont. Mr. Slaby stated the phone conference was all positive and stated he had some concerns about the work and time of the year but overall it was a good conference and will be good for the residents on Pine Street. The Solicitor questioned if the Borough would receive some compensation and asked if we received compensation when the project was done in 2018 adding he recalls there was.

Mr. Chesney replied they paid us \$37,000.00 approximately upfront. Mr. Niglio stated that was for a specific reason, it had nothing to do with this. Mr. Fanella stated it was for a permit to open it up. Mr. Bielskie stated he does not believe they had to pave curb to curb. Mr. Fanella stated they are asking for the same wording, correct. Mr. Motyka replied yes, they will come review it and bring a proposal. Mr. Motyka stated he just wanted to bring it up, that it is in the works.

Mr. Slaby questioned if they had to come up from 11th Street when then were here before. Mr. Chesney replied yes, they came from Roosevelt Court up to Pine and then up the 1000 and 900 and 800. Mr. Chesney stated when he researched to change everything over its about \$10,000.00.

Mr. Motyka stated concerning the 600 block of Fir Street, \$100,000.00 is going to the Shamokin Creek Restoration Alliance will be used to restore the wetlands along the 600 block of Fir Street and stated if the Borough will allow and approve the project in Kulpmont he stated the storm water on 7th Street will be improved and possibly if money allows possible we can bring the rain water from 8th Street so it is maintained and slowed down so we don't have the initial rush from a rainstorm.

Mr. Slaby questioned Mr. Motyka if he is saying that \$100,000.00 is coming to the Borough. Mr. Motyka replied no, \$100,000.00 is coming to the Shamokin Creek Association who will be building a stormwater retention project here in the borough. Mr. Chesney asked if that is not cost to the borough. Mr. Motyka replied, "no cost to the borough."

MOTION- Mr. Motyka made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Fanella to allow and approve the project in Kulpmont awarded to the Shamokin Creek Association.

VOICE VOTE-

Unanimous

Mr. Motyka stated we had some issues with the stormwater coming down from the Chinese restaurant on Fifth Street. He stated it is a pretty minimal fix and is suggesting that our maintenance workers perform that fix. Mr. Motyka stated he would like to see the pricing for the culvert and the stormwater piping needed. Mr. Motyka asked if any member of council thinks that our maintenance crew could not do it adding we have a backhoe and the roller.

Mr. Slaby replied he is not sure and thinks the best is to ask. Bruce Graff said he is not sure what he is talking about. Mr. Motyka replied it is the pipe on Fifth Street. Bruce Graff replied that is galvanized pipe there. Bruce Graff asked Mr. Fanella if we got a price for that last year. Mr. Fanella replied, "no" and then asked if he is referring to Barry giving a price on that. Mayor Bozza questioned if there is an inlet there. Mr. Fanella replied it is a junction box and explained the location. Bruce Graff stated he opened the lid up and looked down in there.

Mr. Motyka stated he would work with Mr. Fanella to get a material list together. Bruce Graff stated he is not sure but is thinking you would need to go across the highway because the water comes from the north side of the street by the beauty shop. Mr. Fanella stated we would need to go to the highway side and put another junction box in. Mr. Fanella stated if we go across the highway that is PennDOT's part. Bruce Graff then commented we all saw what happened with the Sixth Street project, they did not do anything for us.

Mr. Motyka stated he will work with Mr. Fanella to get a price list together. Mr. Motyka stated we could use a flowable concrete fill and we would then not need to worry about the compaction.

Mr. Motyka stated he would like to thank Mostik for the dumpster and landscape services, Kulpmont100 and the Sportsman's Club for their part in the cleanup project. Mr. Motyka added we got another truck load of mulch down the Veterans Memorial Field on Thursday.

Mr. Fanella stated we received a letter on the gas tank up at the garage, he stated he would like to take Bruce Graff's recommendation that we do what we need to do and pay to have it brought up to code. Mr. Fanella stated with the amount of fuel that is in there, we could then just wait until next time around to make a decision to eliminate it. Mr. Fanella questioned Bruce Graff on the cost for repair. Bruce Graff replied he believes it was \$800.00. Mr. Fanella stated the department is going to do a follow up and the letter has today's date. Bruce Graff clarified, the follow up is not to do the work, the letter states after today's date they are going to start fining us. Bruce said we had to get it inspected this year and the inspections are good for every three years.

Mr. Fanella stated there would be an alarm and a safety switch right on the wall, that would bring it up to code. Mr. Slaby questioned if we should do that. Mayor Bozza asked what about a gas card. Mr. Fanella answered, we have 800 gallons of fuel in the tank. Bruce Graff stated there is about 650 gallons in there. Bruce Graff stated the inspection is every three years, we had to have it inspected this year and stated his opinion is we may as well us it if it is inspected.

Mr. Niglio stated, we are in violation and are going to get fined. Bruce Graff stated that is correct if we don't get the alarm on it and up to code. Mayor Bozza stated we could decommission the tank and not need to pull it. Mr. Motyka stated we would still need to take soil samples and we may need to dig it out, it is a lot of money to decommission.

Mr. Slaby stated between now and then probably Service and Facilities should probably get together and investigate changing things. Mr. Slaby stated possibly it is time we go

through a credit card system somewhere and stated he believes we fuel now at the station on Route 61. Mr. Bielskie questioned how long it will take to use that fuel up. Bruce Graff stated probably about four months, two police cars, the code car and the pickup truck. Council discussed about just phasing the tank out and agreed. Mr. Bielskie stated we should just tell them we have diesel trucks and phase it out. Mr. Motyka stated we will get fines. Bruce Graff questioned what happens if they shut you down and you cannot get gas out of the tank. Mr. Slaby stated we need to make sure we have credit cards in place, so the police are not stuck.

Mr. Fanella stated he knows there are questions on the ditch and stated they filled in the ditch and J & S is going to give us topsoil and when it dries out we will need to smooth out the top soil and we will plant grass and will only need straw.

FINANCE/PURCHASING– (Stephen Motyka)

No Report

CODE HEALTH AND SAFETY (Stephen Bielskie)

Mr. Bielskie stated the committee got together and worked on the Quality of Life Ordinance to change the first-time fine fee and stated the Proposed change was given to council for review. Mr. Bielskie stated all of the other fees will stay the same, the first one they will be given a break on. Solicitor Greco stated many times fees schedules are set by resolution.

A discussion took place and Mr. Slaby asked for the Solicitor to look at it and stated if it is determined this is an Ordinance subject, we will go that route. The solicitor state he would like to see a sentence put into the ordinance stating Borough Council may change the fee schedule be by resolution by so in the future, a new Ordinance would not need to be adopted to change the fees. Mr. Bielskie asked Solicitor Greco to let Rhonda know where that sentence should be added and how it should read. Solicitor Greco agreed and stated the Ordinance would not need to be re-advertised if it would be decided to change the fees five years down the road.

Mr. Chesney asked the News Item to please publish in the paper that all Kulpmont citizens are being given a warning to cut grass, pick up your dog feces and take out the garbage on their properties so that neighbors may enjoy their property. Mr. Chesney stated many ask where their warning is first and stated here is your one and only warning.

MOTION- Mr. Bielskie made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Motyka to advertise 2020-3 QOL Ordinance changing 2020-2 QOL Ordinance the 1st time fine fee to \$25.00 and add a sentence to change fees by resolution if so desired by Borough Council in the future.

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

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE - (Joseph Dowkus)

Mr. Dowkus stated we are looking into the noise ordinance and issues with noise from garbage trucks and heavy equipment. He stated we have a few ordinances from some other communities and will be looking at them and working on that.

GRANTS/RECREATION – (Robert Chesney)

Mr. Chesney stated the work is ongoing at the Terry Miriello Field adding the rain has set them back. He added they are still moving forward with the help from the Kulpmont 100 and stated he is talking with Mr. Christiana on some help with money to continue the fight on blight.

Mr. Motyka stated he is working on a grant for restrooms down at the Veterans Memorial Field, he stated this is a DCNR grant and stated when we applied for a similar grant for the playground it cost us approximately \$10,000.00 for the grant to be written. He states Rhonda was skeptical that he would be able to pull it all together for the April 28th deadline, adding he submitted the application and is required to adopt a resolution that we will abide by DCNR rules.

Mr. Motyka stated we need to adopt a resolution to follow DCNR regulations for the grant for the restroom project at the Veterans Memorial field. Mr. Motyka read the resolution #750 out loud. Mr. Motyka stated part of the grant requirement is for the Borough to adopt this resolution and then approval will be needed then to pay \$1200.00 to Brinkash Engineering for the project.

Mr. Chesney stated he thinks the grant was well written and stated he did an admiral job on it but stated he would like to discuss this more in executive session because of the amount of money involved and stated it is a contractual matter.

Mr. Motyka questioned Mr. Chesney on the reasoning to discuss this in executive session. Mr. Chesney stated he would like an explanation on why we have a different engineer doing this and stated it is a contractual matter and the money we are spending, it is a \$99,000.00 package we are talking about and that is all, and I don't want to get into it now.

Mr. Motyka stated everything is addressed in the grant, Mr. Motyka stated everything is addressed in the grant as far as the in-kind donation of labor, Mr. Motyka stated it is all in the grant and accounted for, the \$99,000.00 is free. Mr. Motyka stated the Borough share is all addressed as in kind.

Mr. Chesney stated Mr. Motyka just made the statement that the \$99,000.00 is free and that is why I wanted to discuss this in executive session. Mr. Motyka offered Mr. Chesney the budget sheet to look at. Mr. Chesney stated every project has always come in higher than was done in the last few years and stated he does not know how much of that is going to be our responsibility. Mr. Chesney stated in this day and age with the way things are and other things that need to be done and we don't have no idea how much this could cost us. Mr. Chesney stated if we have any subsidies or anything like that, we just don't know. Mr. Chesney stated he thinks we should hold off on this because it is not a necessary thing.

Mr. Slaby stated what he thinks Mr. Motyka is saying is that the resolution is needed, and the \$1200.00 expense is needed to be paid to Brinkash in order to continue with the application. Mr. Slaby asked if this is a guaranteed Grant, amount of money. Mr. Motyka replied it could be awarded or denied. Mr. Bielskie then stated we could then be out the \$1200.00 if the grant would be denied. Mr. Slaby stated we are speaking about \$1200.00 and questioned Mr. Motyka if he did or did not donate his salary to the Borough for his term.

Mr. Motyka replied he did add that all of it would be donated to recreation. Mr. Dowkus commented we have to apply for it, if we get it, we get it and if we don't then we don't. Mr. Chesney stated there is no need for an executive session since he was able to voice his concerns now during the meeting.

Mr. Chesney questioned if there was a reason why we are not using Livic Engineering and using Brinkash when Livic is our engineer. Mr. Motyka stated he does not know the guy personally and stated he does not recall how he reached out to him.

Mayor Bozza stated he is understanding that Mr. Motyka is running out of time in the application for this grant and asked if this is correct. Mr. Motyka replied that is correct.

Mr. Chesney again stated he did not want to discuss publicly and stated he does not believe the rest of council was aware he was asking Brinkash to do the engineering work. Mr. Chesney stated he does not think this project is a necessity.

MOTION – Mr. Motyka made the motion and seconded by Mr. Sinopoli to adopt resolution #750 to follow DCNR regulation for grant, restrooms at the Veterans Memorial Field.

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

Mr. Motyka stated we will need necessary engineering and preparing maps necessary for the completion of the DCNR application for the restroom project.

MOTION- Mr. Motyka made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Dowkus to have Brinkash Engineering to prepare maps and do the necessary engineering for restroom project for the DCNR grant at a cost of \$1200.00.

ROLL CALL VOTE- DOWKUS (yes), MOTYKA (yes), CHESNEY (no), FANELLA (yes), SINOPOLI (yes), BIELSKIE (no), SLABY (yes)
5 YEAS – 2 NAYS

Mr. Motyka stated he would like to reach out to the YMCA and stated it would be the best thing to happen in this area. Mr. Motyka stated Coal Township reached out a few years ago to the YMCA and stated he will continue to work on that.

PERSONNEL- (Michael Sinopoli)

Mr. Sinopoli stated the personnel committee met and recommends doing away with a spending allowance for Mr. Niglio and increasing his salary to \$3600.00 annually.

MOTION- Mr. Sinopoli made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Fanella to increase the Treasurer salary to \$3600.00 and to pay Mr. Niglio \$66.00 for the two previous months.

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)

No Report

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

No one spoke

OLD BUSINESS-

Mr. Chesney stated he spoke to the guys at the Legion and with the help of the Solicitor an easement has been constructed and approved by the Legion and stated we do have access to utilize the roadway adjacent to their picnic ground for us to use it for parking for any youth events at the Terry Miriello Field or for any future project. Mr. Chesney stated he will bring in a copy of the easement.

NEW BUSINESS-

Mr. Motyka stated the Northumberland County Council for the Arts and Humanities has done murals in the area and run a parade in Shamokin every year, which this year was canceled. Mr. Motyka stated he always admired the murals and stated he personally

became a member and would like to see the borough support them by becoming members at a cost of \$100.00.

MOTION- Mr. Motyka made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Chesney for the Borough to become members of the Northumberland County Council for the Arts and Humanities at a cost of \$100.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy Memorial Day

President Robert M. Slaby stated at this time council will meet in executive session to discuss personnel and contractual matters.

Solicitor Greco stated Council met in executive session for approximately 40 minutes to discuss personnel and contractual matters

ADJOURNMENT

THE MAY 13, 2020 MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT THE CALL OF THE CHAIR

**Rhonda Wilk
Borough Secretary**

Date of Approval _____, 2020