

**KULPMONT BOROUGH  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
October 10, 2017**

Opening Prayer by Councilman Mark Burns  
The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag by the body present,  
Kulpmont Borough Council held the meeting for general purpose on  
Tuesday, October 10, 2017

Roll call was taken and the following members were present: Mayor Novakoski, Bruno R. Varano, Stephen Motyka, George Malakoski, Walter Lutz, Richard Zigarski and Mark Burns.

**ABSENT:** Nicolas P. Goretski, III

**APPOINTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Solicitor, William C. Cole

**PRESENT:** Police Chief Patrick McAndrew, Code Officer Russ Moroz, Borough Supervisor Bruce Graff, Fire Chief Kevin O’Hearn and Borough Secretary Rhonda Wilk

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Barry Fetterman, Joe Politza, Jeffrey Gilotti, Stephen Bielskie, Joe Pancerella, Bob Fanella, Nick Bozza, Keith Tamborelli and Kevin O’Hearn.

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

Keith Tamborelli stated item 6, section C on the Police Chief’s report it shows under the Police Chiefs report attachment 2 and stated that he does not have that attached to his agenda. Mr. Tamborelli was provided the attachment and stated that he will review it and ask his questions at the end of the meeting. Mr. Tamborelli asked for the last 30 days since the last council meeting what the police volume of calls are. Chief McAndrew stated that right now they are running 60 to 100 calls per month. Mr. Tamborelli asked how many citations were generated this month for traffic and non-traffic. Chief McAndrew replied he believes 6 non-traffic, a handful adding he does not even know adding it may be five and criminal complaints were four, juvenile petitions were none. Mr. Tamborelli stated that is all for now and he would like to come back later with some additional questions.

**PRESIDENTS REPORT** – (Bruno R. Varano)

Mr. Varano stated that the Knights are having their annual Wine Fest this weekend and asked that everyone come out, be safe and have a good time, make the town some money and be proud.

Mr. Motyka reminded Mr. Varano that November 4<sup>th</sup> is the bThink Big Dance Marathon. Mr. Varano stated that will be held before the next meeting.

Mr. Varano stated that we have a Resolution to pass, Resolution #734 Northumberland County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Mr. Varano asked Mr. Kevin O’Hearn, Emergency Management and Fire Chief if he would like to speak on this.

Mr. O’Hearn stated that it is a countywide plan that all of the municipalities in the County are asked to pass and adopt so that if there is any need in the future for FEMA to provide funding, that we are all on the same page. He added that once the plan is passed he said that the signed resolution could be given back to him and he would provide it then to the County.

**MOTION**- Mr. Lutz made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Malakoski to pass Resolution 734 Hazard Mitigation Resolution #734.

**VOICE VOTE**-

Unanimous

Mr. Varano stated that he would like to create a UGI working group and then get a meeting together with UGI officials. Mr. Varano stated that he would like to have a committee made up of himself, Stephen Motyka, George Malakoski, Bob Fanella, Stephen Bielskie and Mike Sinopoli. Mr. Varano stated that he realizes that Mike Sinopoli may be working and so if he is not able, we will then find somebody else. Mr. Varano stated that of course the Mayor and asked Mr. Nick Bozza if he would like to also be part of that. Mr. Bozza replied “sure.” Mr. Varano asked for anyone who wants to get involved to let him know so that we know what space is needed to hold a meeting.

Mr. Varano stated we seem to be having a lot of controversy and stated that he brought the Borough Code book adding that basically we are going to re-form our Civil Service Commission and stated we will have a 6 year, 4 year and a 2-year appointment and then after that and after their terms are up, it will be a 6 year, 6 year, and 6 year term.

**MOTION** - Mr. Zigarski made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Malakoski to appoint Richard Clayberger to the 2-year term of the Civil Service Commission.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**- BURNS (yes), GORETSKI (absent), LUTZ (yes), MALAKOSKI (yes), MOTYKA (yes), ZIGARSKI (yes), Varano (yes)  
6 YEAS – 0 NAY

**MOTION** - Mr. Zigarski made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Malakoski to appoint Dennis Lentini to the 4-year term of the Civil Service Commission.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**- BURNS (yes), GORETSKI (absent), LUTZ (yes), MALAKOSKI (yes), MOTYKA (yes), ZIGARSKI (yes), Varano (yes)  
6 YEAS – 0 NAY

**MOTION** - Mr. Zigarski made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Malakoski to appoint Bruno Varano to the 6-year term of the Civil Service Commission.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**- BURNS (yes), GORETSKI (absent), LUTZ (no), MALAKOSKI (yes), MOTYKA (yes), ZIGARSKI (yes), Varano (yes)  
5 YEAS – 1 NAY

Mr. Varano stated that we have 10 days to organize and stated that we will do so and start taking care of business, so we may get some more police hired in this community.

Mr. Varano stated concerning the post Halloween Parade adding that he got a call from the MCA Athletic Director, Greg Sacavage a few weeks ago. Mr. Varano stated that he is a friend of his and he questioned him on the Borough supporting a Pep Rally on October 26<sup>th</sup> following the Halloween Parade down at the West End grounds. Mr. Varano stated that we got a letter in the mail today requesting also a bon-fire and he stated that he did check with the Chief and he said that they would be prepared for a bon-fire.

Mr. Varano stated he thinks that it would be great having a pep rally in Kulpmont and stated he cannot remember the last time there was one in Kulpmont other than the Cougars. Joe Pancerella stated that the last time was 1963, since the jointure. Mr. Varano stated that he didn't think he remembered any in between.

Mr. Varano stated that we probably need to shut down Maple Street, the parade ends up down there anyway. Mr. Varano questioned if they are amenable to this bonfire behind their place somewhere. Mr. Lutz stated there is a meeting tomorrow and made the comment that we can't speak for the West End. Mr. Varano stated we will finalize it then tomorrow with the bonfire, but as far as the pep-rally, the parade is ending up there anyway and we will close down Maple Street and stated that if they will not let us have it in their parking lot, we will have it on Maple Street.

Mr. Motyka stated closing down Maple Street may be a problem because all of the flows turn up to drop their people off at the West End for beverages and continue up towards the elementary school adding that he is sure we could regulate it and just have it considered closed. Mr. Varano stated we have a secondary spot at St. Pauline Center and stated they can park in St. Pauline Center and have the pep rally on Maple Street. Mr. Varano stated he is sure that our Police and the local Fire Police and Auxiliary Police can coordinate something. Mr. Varano questioned the Solicitor William C. Cole if a motion is needed to close down Maple Street. The Solicitor replied that normally it is a good idea so that it is clear for the record.

Mr. Varano stated he will step down from the Chair and he will make the motion to close Maple Street.

**MOTION-** Mr. Varano made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Lutz to close Maple Street after the parade for the pep rally.

**VOICE VOTE-**

Unanimous

Mr. Varano stated this will probably be about 8:30 at night and stated that it is good for the town. Mr. Varano added that the Mayor was included in on this and stated he had talked to him numerous times on it.

**MAYORS REPORT-** (Bernard P. Novakoski)

Mayor Novakoski stated that Trick or Treat will be held on Saturday October 28<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. and stated that for once he believes that all of the towns are the same day.

Mayor Novakoski stated that the Lions Club announced that the Halloween parade will be held on October 26<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of October 31<sup>st</sup> with registration beginning at 5:30 p.m. at Holy Angels Church and the parade to begin at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Novakoski stated that he will have most of the route on Chestnut Street closed for parking adding that he will not close parking on Scott Street because he does not know where people would put the cars.

**SECRETARYS REPORT-** (Rhonda Wilk)

Rhonda Wilk stated that approval is needed for the regular monthly meeting minutes from the September 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**MOTION-** Mr. Burns made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Zigarski to approve the minutes from the September 12<sup>th</sup> meeting 2017 meeting.

**VOICE VOTE-**

Unanimous

Correspondence was received from Gannon and Associates concerning the endorsements reflecting all of the changes, Copied Mayor and Council.

A letter was received from Kulpmont Marion Heights Joint Municipal Authority- Copied Mayor and Council.

Mr. Varano stated that letter was concerning a re-appointment to the Sewer Authority and stated that he did not talk to Bob adding that he will do so and then at next month's meeting we will make an appointment or re-appointment.

**TREASURERS REPORT** – (Paul A. Niglio)

Rhonda Wilk stated that everyone received a copy of the financial report and the bills to be approved and added a motion is needed to approve and pay the bills.

**MOTION-** Mr. Burns made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Zigarski to approve the financial statement and pay the bills.

**ROLL CALL VOTE-** BURNS (yes), GORETSKI (absent), LUTZ (no), MALAKOSKI (yes), MOTYKA (yes), ZIGARSKI (yes), Varano (yes)  
5YEAS – 1NAY

Rhonda Wilk stated that we received the 2017 Commonwealth State Aid Allocation for the Volunteer Fire Relief Association and amount of that check was \$11,054.75 adding a check in that amount was sent out to the Fire Relief Association.

**SOLICITORS REPORT-** (William C. Cole)

No Report

**POLICE CHIEFS REPORT** – (Patrick McAndrew)

Police Report, attachment #2

Chief McAndrew stated Chief Buhay from Mount Carmel Borough Police Department applied for a grant and included Kulpmont and Mount Carmel Township in the grant for cell phone reading equipment. Chief McAndrew stated that we were awarded that grant and received a couple thousand dollars worth of equipment.

He stated that there is about a \$1,900.00 balance left and stated that they are looking to see if each municipality could chip in to cover that cost. Chief McAndrew stated that in return we could send a guy up to learn how to use the equipment for our department and have that whenever we need it rather than send out the cell phones to PSP and waiting.

Mr. Varano stated that Chief McAndrew told him that the equipment amounted to \$10,000.00. Chief McAndrew replied about \$10,000.00 was awarded and stated that pretty much all they must cover, give or take is \$2,000.00. Chief McAndrew stated that he is asking for \$500.00 to contribute to this grant so that we may be part of this.

**MOTION-** Mr. Lutz made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Malakoski to contribute \$500.00 for Mount Carmel Borough Police grant for Kulpmont to participate in the Cellphone reading equipment grant.

**ROLL CALL VOTE-** BURNS (yes), GORETSKI (absent), LUTZ (yes), MALAKOSKI (yes), MOTYKA (yes), ZIGARSKI (yes), Varano (yes)  
6YEAS – 0 NAY

**FIRE CHIEF REPORT** – (Kevin O’Hearn)

Report attachment #3

Chief O’Hearn stated that he is reporting that they are running out of one station now and it is going pretty well and stated that they have had a couple of calls where they have been able to get all of the apparatus out and staffed properly and stated that is positive and what they have been hoping for.

Chief O’Hearn stated that they had applied for a Federal Grant to replace their protective turn out gear and were just notified that they were denied for that grant. He added that they hired a grant writer to apply for the Federal Grant and stated that part of the deal with that was that we pay him for one year and if he is not successful then he will apply for them again the next year and stated they will be reapplying for the grant again. He added that hopefully they will be successful next year because the gear is coming up on 15 years old and so if they are not successful they will have to begin to look at other ways to come up with \$150,000.00 to purchase gear.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT** – (Kevin O’ Hearn)

No Report

**BUILDING INSPECTOR’S REPORT**– (Tri County COG)

No report

**CODE/HEALTH ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT** – (Russ Moroz)

Report Attachment #4

Russ Moroz stated that a light is out in the East End Truck Room and stated the sump pump burned up. He stated the sump pump was in place when the building was built and so we need to fix that. Mr. Varano asked if that is in the basement or if it is over here. Jeff Gilotti replied that it is over here and added that all the floor drains go to the sump pump when your washing vehicles and then are pumped out. Mr. Motyka stated he believes that we had Kreco Electric in there recently to fix some lights in there and asked if we can move forward and have them fix it. Jeff Gilotti commented that he thinks that it is the same one that they just fixed. Mr. Varano stated they will have to stand good on that. Russ Moroz asked if that was the same light. Jeff Gilotti replied he is almost sure that it is.

Mr. Motyka questioned if anyone in this room knows what a sump pump cost. Mayor Novakoski replied that it would depend on what you buy adding it could be \$30.00 to a couple hundred dollars. Mayor Novakoski suggest replacing it with the same model that is in there.

**MOTION** – Mr. Motyka made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Lutz to replace the sump pump not to exceed \$300.00.

**VOICE VOTE** –

Unanimous

Russ Moroz stated that everyone here received two ordinances on feral cats for review and stated that one ordinance is extensive the other is a little smaller. The Code Officer, Russ Moroz stated there are many things in there that entail some heavy jurisdiction of feral cats, if you feed them they end up being your cat. Russ Moroz stated that everybody knows we have a problem in town and so if everyone reviews the ordinances and pick out some of the points.

Russ Moroz stated concerning the lean-to we proposed to put on the side of the garage to put our trailers in. Russ Moroz stated fortunately we have a lot of collective minds up there looking at some of the ways to build this thing and attach it to the garage. He continued to say that you end up with a lean-to that is 50' long somewhere around 12' wide and the garage itself is sitting on an angle and the wall that we decided to attach to, there is a foot difference. Russ Moroz stated you would have to build a foot out of square and stated he does not think that is a good idea to build.

Russ Moroz stated the other problem is that they had thought about putting it on top of the wall and unfortunately the wall is not level, it is 6" to 10" out and so that would require building a pad on top of the wall. He said, building it ground level which would be on top of the macadam and we would have to dig out, we don't know how the wall is and how it angles under the macadam. Russ Moroz stated there was a \$2,000.00 cap on building that and some of the items are estimated at \$8,000.00 to \$10,000.00 to build this lean-to, because you end up with a building that is the size of 30'x30', a steel structure. Russ Moroz stated that between attaching it to the building and tying it in, just to give you an idea on what it is going to cost if you want to go further on this.

Mr. Motyka stated that he would like to work with Mr. Moroz and put some specifications down on paper and asked Stephen Bielskie if he would be able to help and put some ideas down on paper and then he stated he would like to make a motion to then put it out for bid for what we design.

**MOTION**- Mr. Motyka made a motion and was seconded by Mr. Burns to draw up some specifications for design and then put it out to bid.

Mr. Varano questioned why we just don't buy tarps and cover the trailers with tarps and asked Bruce Graff if that will work. Bruce Graff replied that it is mainly for the tarps that are on them, the weather is beating them, the sun, ice and water is laying on them.

Mr. Lutz questions why we don't buy tarps for the winter and let the lot at the Wilson Building settle over the winter, and then see what we have got to do adding that the lot back there is goofy.

Bruce Graff replied that if we put tarps on them in the winter time, we will never get the tarps off when they are covered with snow. Mr. Lutz questioned if he is meaning that he will not get them off in July. Bruce Graff replied they use the trailers all year long.

Mr. Lutz questioned then how we did it in the past. Bruce Graff replied if there was snow on the tarps they would get a broom and a ladder and scoop the snow off. Mr. Lutz questioned why we cannot do that this winter. Bruce Graff replied they will do it but the weight of the snow and everything pulls down on the tarps between the runs. Mr. Lutz stated that his question was if they could do it this winter. Bruce Graff replied yes and added that he just throughout a suggestion to get them out of the weather, that's all.

Mr. Lutz commented to let the Wilson lot settle and stated that space is goofy over there, maybe do a metal building or something. Mr. Varano stated right now there is a motion on the floor to look into it. Mr. Varano questioned Mr. Motyka and Mr. Bielskie if they were going to work on that. They agreed.

Mr. Motyka suggest that they work on something over the next two weeks and try to have a price for the next meeting. Mr. Varano commented, either a pole building or a carport. Mr. Varano suggested to explore everything.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**- BURNS (yes), GORETSKI (absent), LUTZ (yes), MALAKOSKI (yes), MOTYKA (yes), ZIGARSKI (yes), Varano (yes)  
6 YEAS – 0 NAY

Russ Moroz stated Mr. Diminick has submitted two bids, one for the removal of the steps. Mr. Bielskie commented that he does that on every job. Russ Moroz added that the bid for \$7,000.00 to take the steps out and another bid for removal of debris for \$1,700.00.

Mr. Lutz asked council to help him understand this and stated his understanding was that he was going to knock it down and kind of make it nice and level. Mr. Varano commented that is the impression he had. Mr. Lutz joked that the stars are aligning, he and Bruno are thinking the same thing. Mr. Varano commented that is scary. Mr. Lutz stated he does not recall anything that said except the stairways.

Mr. Lutz stated he thought that the deal was that he was going to kind of make it nice and then the winter was going to come, then we were going to see what we were going to do in the Spring. Mr. Lutz stated that he does not recall anything that said I will knock down the building except the stairways. Mr. Motyka questioned Russ Moroz and continued to say that he asked him (Russ Moroz) about a month ago to make sure that the front wall was taken to the sidewalk level and the steps and asked Russ if he came back and said that was the agreement.

Russ Moroz replied the agreement but then when we changed it to fill it in, then that changed the agreement. Mr. Motyka stated, so then he is not charging to remove the steps, he is charging to fill it in. Russ Moroz answered yes. Mr. Bielskie commented he is charging to remove the steps, they are still there. Russ Moroz stated he is charging to remove the steps because he had to fill everything in, he is going to just charge for everything he did, he is not charging for the re-fill. Russ Moroz stated he broke up the floor and then refilled it and now he wants to charge to take out the steps. Mr. Motyka stated that you don't write a change order wrong, if he is charging for breaking the floor up and refilling then that is what the change order should say.

Mr. Lutz questioned where the document is that we signed. Russ Moroz replied that he has all of them. Mr. Lutz replied that he would like to take a read of it tomorrow. Mr. Bielskie stated as far as he is concerned, when you tear a building down the steps go with it. Mr. Varano stated that they were part of the building. Mr. Lutz stated he thinks that all of Council is on the same page. Mr. Lutz said that we perhaps need to study that document a little bit and stated he will read it five times and make a report back to everybody. Mr. Lutz stated that we will make it nice, leave it settle and then we are going to figure out what to do. Mr. Lutz stated that he is looking for \$8,700.00 more and so he is looking for 15% more. Mr. Bielskie questioned Russ Moroz if the debris is the debris from the steps that he is talking about. Russ Moroz replied yes.

Russ Moroz stated concerning the parking lot out here, unfortunately they were coming in to pave it last week and they ran a piece of equipment and it sunk. Russ Moroz stated the guy from Meckleys looked at everything and apparently there is an underground spring in there. Mr. Lutz asked if there is a piece of equipment under the ground over there. Russ Moroz replied no. Mr. Lutz jokingly said he was just wondering and that he thought he saw a guy's head sticking up. Russ Moroz continued to say that there is an underground spring in there, they ran their probes in there and they couldn't hear anything but it keeps getting saturated. Russ Moroz stated that the guy from Meckleys said that the best thing to do is dig a trench that is literally 4' wide, 6' deep and 20' long and then fill it with 3, 2B stone down to small stone, what you would classify as a large French drain. Mr. Bielskie asked where the water will go adding that it has got to go someplace. Mr. Varano commented if it would go in the neighbor's basement again.

Russ Moroz stated to give you an idea on cost, it came out to \$10,460.00 when he talked to Smitty, some of the logistics in this is that PP&L must come in and they need to put a hold on the pole. He said since you are digging around that pole, that pole has no tension wires on it. Russ Moroz continued to say, PP&L comes in at a cost of \$1,360.00 to hold the pole until your done digging.

Mr. Varano stated that he does not understand how that is our problem and added that should be their problem to hold that pole in place. Mr. Bielskie stated that we are creating the problem though. Russ Moroz stated they say it is \$180.00 additional per hour if we don't get it done in a day. Mr. Lutz said we are talking \$10,460.00 and that is with the PP&L.

Mr. Lutz questioned what that emergency purchase was for, the \$1,200.00 that we got an email about. Mr. Malakoski replied that was for grading. Mr. Lutz asked what we originally said that was going to cost. Mr. Bielskie suggested why not just consider stoning it for now and let everything settle down and see what happens rather than go and put this money into it and it settles down and we are in the same boat again. Russ Moroz said the only question that he has is with Meckleys, if that is part of the highway bill. Rhonda Wilk replied no it is not. Russ Moroz said the question is, do we just have Meckleys come in and just finish the street and the sidewalk.

Mr. Motyka stated its actually clay and clay holds water a very long time, the idea that there is a stream there is hard to believe. Mr. Motyka stated that he thinks that it is the clay that is holding the water. Mr. Bielskie asked how much slope is on that lower and stated that if we run a pipe to the lower corner of the street to drain it instead of somebody's house and leave that go for a while.

Mr. Motyka stated that as Mayor Novakoski said, the sidewalk has been there for 100 years and the sidewalk maintained and it did not move. Mr. Motyka questioned why we do not just pour 6 inches of concrete back as the approach, and let Meckleys finish the rest. Mr. Motyka stated the section that they discovered that was bad soil was under the sidewalk and the sidewalk was there forever.

Mr. Varano stated that he should make a motion because he will not get it paved after this month because the batch plants are closed. Mr. Bielskie stated that he can bring a probe tomorrow and see what is under there.

Mr. Motyka stated that Meckleys pulled off site and stated that they are willing to come back and finish the project. Mr. Motyka stated that he does not know where the 6' deep 8' wide came from, but when he talked with them they said to go down until you hit suitable soil and step it back in 6" lifts of 2A stone and he said that would be enough. Mayor Novakoski commented, suitable soil is about 8' down. Mr. Bielskie asked Russ Moroz if he told him to put 3's in there. Russ Moroz replied yes. Mr. Bielskie stated that is pretty big stone and then commented, that is how engineers do it. Mayor Novakoski stated that all of the brick work from that building is in that basement. Mr. Bielskie stated if they did not break up the floor, its holding water.

Mr. Motyka stated that if you put 6" of macadam down you are not going to have a problem and added that Meckleys is who brought this to our attention. Mr. Motyka stated this week they are in East Cameron and then they would be willing to come back and finish. Mr. Bielskie questioned Mr. Motyka on how long it will take for you to get some guys to pour them sidewalks. Mr. Motyka questioned if he thinks that it is a viable option to pour concrete. Mr. Bielskie replied that is what he (Mr. Motyka just said) just said. Mr. Motyka stated he is asking for everyone's opinion. Mr. Bielskie stated that we will check it out tomorrow adding that he will bring a 4' probe down there.

Jeff Gilotti stated that they are having an extremely hard time because of milling on 8<sup>th</sup> Street getting fire apparatus back in and so whatever is decided just to take that into consideration. He stated that they have CDL truck drivers that are having a hard time because of the millings and stated that he thinks it would be best to ramp it. Mr. Motyka stated it is going to be a gutter and a ramp. Mr. Fannella stated with the engines, they are going to be running on part of that ramp and so it will be more than just people walking on it and so it is best to make sure that it is solid or you will just be wasting your money. Mr. Motyka questioned what is a suitable subbase and asked if 2B is a suitable stone. Mr. Fanella replied that with water you are better off with 2B, but 2A is usually what they use. Mr. Fanella suggested 2B and 2A on top of that. Mr. Motyka stated that Smittys cost seems above what he

expected and questioned if our maintenance department could pull back 12 inches of stone and put 12" of suitable stone back in. Mr. Motyka stated we have them on contract for asphalt probably 50% at cost what we would pay if they would come to town. Mr. Bielskie stated what we have to watch is so much of that fill is from that building and so you don't know how far down we could go before we hit bricks. Mr. Motyka said we need to keep within the sidewalk. Mayor Novakoski stated that he brought 5 or 6 loads of fill in on top of the bricks. Jeff Gilotti said only half of that was basement and where Linda's house was where the sub-basement was and the rest was on grade. Mr. Motyka stated that if we excavated the trouble area below the old sidewalk, you are not going to get any heavy traffic, it is just parking senior citizen cars over there.

Mr. Lutz questioned if the two Stephens could get together tomorrow and then put a memorandum together and send it to the Council. Mr. Bielskie stated that he does not know if he could make it for 4:30 because he has a meeting at the County but stated that he can go over to the parking lot with Russ in the morning. Mr. Motyka stated he thinks they should shoot to remove 12" below the old sidewalk and put say 8" of 2B and top it with 2A and continue with the paving at 50% of the cost of it if we paved it at a different time. Mr. Motyka stated that everyone on Council will get a synopsis of what we find tomorrow.

Mr. Varano stated that we don't have to vote on anything because there was no motion. Mr. Varano stated that you should put a contingent motion on the floor so that we don't have to come back in two weeks to vote on it. Mr. Lutz questioned if we could do it by email. Mr. Varano replied no.

**MOTION**- Mr. Motyka made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Burns not to exceed \$3,000.00 for stone and having our maintenance department do this or if Smitty is willing for the same price.

Mr. Varano questioned if that includes the holding of the pole for PP&L or is that just for the materials. Mr. Motyka stated that pole is 6' deep and if you would pull a foot of stone off that pole, it is not going anywhere. Mr. Motyka stated if you want to call PP&L and commented, he does not know.

Mr. Motyka stated there is a motion on the floor for \$3,000.00

**ROLL CALL VOTE**- BURNS (yes), GORETSKI (absent), LUTZ (yes), MALAKOSKI (yes), MOTYKA (yes), ZIGARSKI (yes), Varano (yes)  
6 YEAS – 0 NAY

**SERVICE AND FACILITIES** – (George Malakoski)

Mr. Malakoski stated that they will be holding a food surplus distribution on Thursday October 19<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon at the borough garage. Mr. Malakoski reminded the citizens enrolled to bring their bags with them.

Mr. Malakoski stated that 6 tires for the 2003 dump truck are needed to purchase at a cost of \$1,735.50.

**MOTION**- Mr. Malakoski made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Lutz to purchase 6 tires for the 2003 dump truck \$1735.50.

**ROLL CALL VOTE-** BURNS (yes), GORETSKI (absent), LUTZ (yes), MALAKOSKI (yes), MOTYKA (yes), ZIGARSKI (yes), Varano (yes)  
6 YEAS – 0 NAY

**MOTION-** Mr. Malakoski made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Motyka to purchase 6 parking blocks for the parking lot not to exceed \$300.00

**ROLL CALL VOTE-** BURNS (yes), GORETSKI (absent), LUTZ (yes), MALAKOSKI (yes), MOTYKA (yes), ZIGARSKI (yes), Varano (yes)  
6 YEAS – 0 NAY

**MOTION-** Mr. Malakoski made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Lutz to purchase NO ATV's allowed for down at the ramp field at \$17.00 each for a cost of \$68.00.

**VOICE VOTE-**

Unanimous

**MOTION-** Mr. Malakoski made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Lutz to purchase line paint not to exceed \$100.00.

**ROLL CALL VOTE-** BURNS (yes), GORETSKI (absent), LUTZ (yes), MALAKOSKI (yes), MOTYKA (yes), ZIGARSKI (yes), Varano (yes)  
6 YEAS – 0 NAY

**FINANCE/PURCHASING/GRANT COMMITTEE** – (Stephen Motyka)

Mr. Motyka stated October 17<sup>th</sup> is the date that 72 students will arrive in the borough to participate in the 2017 DEP Environmental Educational grant which will include tree planting and installing bird houses at the Veterans Memorial Complex as part of that project.

Mr. Motyka stated that he would like to go on record thanking BB&T, Holy Angels Church, Knights of Columbus, Scicchitano Pizza, Kulpmont Sportsman's Association, Shamokin Creek Restoration Alliance, Northumberland County Conservation District and Landscape Services for their donation towards this project.

Mr. Motyka stated that the plan review and building application for the bridge project has been submitted to Tri County. Mr. Motyka stated that the plan for the bridge has no ADA concerns and stated a November 4<sup>th</sup> build date is planned with a rain date of November 11<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Motyka stated that remaining donated money will be used toward the purchase of plaques for donations received and will be ordered.

Mr. Motyka stated under the Building Committee and the one year warranty, he stated that he thinks that we should walk the building before the end of November when we took occupancy and get a list together that would fall under warranty. Mr. Motyka stated that he does not know how the state HVAC, some HVAC private industry have a three-year warranty. Mr. Motyka stated that he is asking Mr. Cole his advice adding that we had sent a letter to that HVAC Company and they have not responded with

the issues of the system. Mr. Motyka stated that they wrote us a letter that they would charge us whatever the rate was to fix the system which is still under the warranty and questioned Mr. Cole on how to proceed. The Solicitor, William C. Cole stated he thinks at this point we should take further action and stated that he knows that there is a contrary opinion from our architects about that and stated that he thinks we need to take additional action and stated that we should discuss that in executive session if council so desires. Mr. Varano replied yes and stated that it is not working at all.

Mr. Motyka stated that per our insurance, we need to follow up with the sprinkler company and stated that he thinks we had a contract for a yearly inspection and that would be in December of this year.

**ORDINANCE COMMITTEE** – (Walter Lutz)

No Report

**RECREATION** – (Mark Burns)

No Report

**PERSONNEL** – (Richard Zigarski)

No Report

**FIRE/EMA/POLICE COMMITTEE** – (Varano, Zigarski and Burns)

Mr. Varano stated we did have a meeting and questioned Mr. Lutz if he got figures together on how many officers we would be able to add on and whether we would have to buy vehicles and budget figures. Mr. Lutz stated that he did get some numbers from Mrs. Wilk today and stated he has to put those into the model that he built and then stream it out into 18, 19, 20 and 21.

Mr. Lutz stated that he is pretty close on that and stated the deal with it is that it impacts those years substantially. Mr. Lutz continued to say that three is not an issue, the issue is four and then reallocation has got to go. Mr. Lutz stated he has a couple of questions, Mr. Niglio is not here tonight and said he would put them in his mail box. Mr. Lutz stated the new bunch that comes in, they need to work on that, adding that he has the model. Mr. Varano stated they can touch on that in executive session also. Mr. Varano stated he was trying to get some answers for our current police department.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

Mr. Tamborelli stated that he just wants to follow back up on the police report. Mr. Tamborelli stated he hates to put the poor guy back in the hot seat. Mr. Tamborelli questioned Chief McAndrew for the month of September what is the total hours worked in Kulpmont. Chief McAndrew replied if he gives him a little time he could give him that, but off the top of his head, no he can't.

Mr. Tamborelli asked Chief McAndrew if the citations that were issued non-traffic are part of the code citations. Chief McAndrew replied, no.

Mr. Tamborelli questioned Chief McAndrew what the miscellaneous is on the reporting. Chief McAndrew replied they have a drop-down system in their reporting and stated that he does not have

200 slots for each one that they get for a call for service. Chief McAndrew replied that it could be anything from a call that is referred for the code office or a cat in the road or a cat up a tree.

Mr. Tamborelli questioned Chief McAndrew of the call volumes listed if the coverage calls include the State Police. Chief McAndrew replied, "no it is just what we do." Mr. Tamborelli questioned Chief McAndrew if we have any idea what kind of numbers they took. Chief McAndrew replied he does not, no idea. Mr. Tamborelli said he is only asking that because it may help.

Mr. Lutz directed the statement to Mr. Tamborelli if he has questions and he would give the Chief a little heads up, he will get you all that stuff. Mr. Lutz stated it is hard to keep all that stuff on the top of your head, but he will dig in and get all of that for you. Mr. Varano agreed and said especially with all that is going on in the area.

Mr. Lutz added with the murder investigation is just overwhelming, and we only had two guys. Mr. Tamborelli questioned Mr. Lutz if he is talking about the murder in this jurisdiction or out of this jurisdiction. Mr. Lutz replied he does not know, it's just overwhelming and the fact of the matter is two guys and it has been like that for 18 months. Mr. Varano stated that we were involved in them all. Mr. Lutz told Mr. Tamborelli that he is sure the Chief would be happy to help him with any information.

Mr. Jerry Santelli of 1438 Chestnut Street stated that he just wants to let everyone know that the alley behind Chestnut Street, Maple alley, it washed out in the 1400 block behind the factory. Bruce Graff replied that is where everybody dumps their garbage there, weeds and grass and all, the water has no place to go. Bruce Graff stated that he saw the little note on the road there today. Bruce Graff said the water has no place to go and is washing out.

Mr. Varano questioned Bruce if it is going down into the bush. Bruce Graff stated the water is coming down Maple by the factory and the road is tilted to the right and there is a no dumping sign but everybody is throwing their ashes there and grass and weeds there. Bruce Graff stated it is piled and coming out into the street. Mr. Varano questioned Bruce Graff if he has any suggestions. Bruce Graff replied "yes, you can tell them to stop dumping there." Bruce Graff stated there is a sign right there.

Mr. Lutz stated the temporary solution is that we must go down there and clear that out so the water can run free and then the next thing is we must catch somebody and let them have it. Bruce Graff stated it must be somebody that lives along that back alley. Mr. Lutz stated he will go down tomorrow and look at it. Bruce Graff commented, you can't miss it because somebody spray painted "street department we need a bridge." Bruce Graff stated he will go down with the backhoe and dig a trench. Mr. Lutz stated we will take a look at it and see if we can clear it out.

Mr. Lutz stated we do not have enough police as it is, although there may be an opportunity to put a camera in. Mr. Varano questioned if there is any chance that we put some millings in there. Bruce Graff said the millings would just get washed out and stated once he digs out down there the water could run down before that spot.

Mr. Varano stated that has always been washed out adding it was washed out when he was a kid. Bruce Graff stated with everyone dumping their stuff there, the road is washing out because the water has no place to go because of everyone piling their stuff there.

Mr. Tamborelli questioned Council on their discussion of a vehicle parked down on 13<sup>th</sup> Street took place a few meetings ago and asked if anything has ever been done with that. Mr. Lutz stated it appears that it is a paper street and so accordingly, we can go ahead and go through the process to get it out of there. Mr. Lutz stated especially with that new ordinance adding he just has too much going on right now. Mr. Lutz stated it will go out of there and a lot of these cars that are sitting with trees and all growing out of them, they will be out of there next year.

Mr. Tamborelli questioned if there is still a truck down there, that someone added to that back lot. Mr. Lutz questioned where. Mr. Tamborelli replied right next to the car. Mr. Varano stated it is not there now and said he may have been dumping something down there stating we may have missed an opportunity.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Motyka Questioned Russ Moroz on if he heard anything on the AQUA Water Company Project. Russ Moroz stated that they never contacted him back and stated that he had no reply and so he does not think it will be this year. Russ Moroz added that he tried to contact John Harris and stated that he does not even know if he works for them anymore because his cell phone number was no longer in service.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

None

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Varano stated that the Wine Fest will be held this Saturday, Trick or Treat will be Saturday October 28<sup>th</sup> 6 to 9 p.m., Halloween Parade to be held on October 26<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of October 31<sup>st</sup>, Mr. Varano stated that there is a lot going on this month in the Borough, all good stuff.

Mr. Lutz added, the general election.

Mr. Fanella stated he would like to offer his services and experience with highway construction on the parking lot, if interested. Mr. Varano replied sure. Mr. Motyka stated agreed and said he would like to hear what he has to say.

Mr. Varano asked if anyone had anything additional and then wished all a safe and Happy Halloween.

Mr. Varano stated that Council will now meet in executive session to discuss possible litigation.

**The Solicitor William C. Cole stated Council met in executive session for approximately 15 minutes to discuss possible litigation.**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT THE CALL OF THE CHAIR**

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Rhonda Wilk  
Borough Secretary

Date of Approval \_\_\_\_\_

