

**KULPMONT BOROUGH
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
OCTOBER 11, 2016**

Opening Prayer by Councilman Stephen Motyka
The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag by the body present,
Kulpmont Borough Council held the meeting for general purpose
on Tuesday October 11, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

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

ABSENT: Clarence H. Deitrick and Nicholas P.Goretski, III.

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

PRESENT: Code Officer Russ Moroz, Borough Secretary Rhonda Wilk, Officer in Charge Patrick McAndrew, Borough Supervisor Bruce Graff.

OTHERS PRESENT: Stephanie Niglio, Barry Fetterman, Joe Politza, Jack Maciejewski, LouAnn Tamborelli, Keith Tamborelli, Steve Bielski and Rose Bielski, Andrew Splitt, Amber Splitt and Jim Karnes.

Bruno R. Varano asked everyone to remain standing for a moment of silence for former Councilman and Mayor Walter V. "Stabbers" Stavinski.

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

No one spoke

PRESIDENTS REPORT (Bruno R. Varano)

Mr. Varano stated that he has a resolution for the Veterans of Foreign War and asked if anyone was here this evening from the Veterans of Foreign War. No one spoke and then Mr. Varano stated that we will get the resolution to them.

Mr. Varano stated that he has a status report on the one main important item right now which is the old East End truck room and stated that it is now a borough garage due to the imminent sale of the Wilson Complex.

Mr. Varano stated that we will need to house our borough plow trucks, backhoe, skidsteer, roller etc.... thus rendering the old truck room the primary housing unit for such. Mr. Varano stated that therefore truck 221, 222 and 223 will have to be housed elsewhere.

Mr. Varano added that since the fire department rejected the borough's suggestion plan to put an addition 30' x 50' building onto the West End complex at a cost to the taxpayers, a one time grant \$25,000.00 for an approximately \$50,000.00 building the borough has no other option and the ball is now in the fire departments court to find a workable solution to this problem both physically and financially. Mr. Varano stated that this building would be the fire department property.

Mr. Varano stated that the first plan from the fire department is no longer feasible, of widening the dock door at the Eight Street garage.

Mr. Varano stated in reply to the president of the West End, to his letter and offer, Mr. Varano continued to say that council's offer was to pay for half of an addition to facilitate a consolidation of fire companies to one location which was \$25,000.00 at the West End complex. He added that the borough will not construct a consolidated fire station on the West End property, the fire department will if they wish to and the borough will assist in any way that they reasonably can if requested to.

Mr. Varano stated that is all that he has under his report.

MAYORS REPORT-

Mayor Novakoski stated that Trick or Treat night will be held on Saturday October 29th from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. and added that the Halloween Parade will be held on October 27th at 7:00 p.m. in the borough and registration will take place at 5:30 at Holy Angels parking lot in the rear of the church. Mayor Novakoski asked for cars to be removed from Chestnut Street so that it does not obstruct the kids while walking in the parade.

Mayor Novakoski stated that the quote on the camera was \$139.00 for the police department.

MOTION- Mr. Lutz made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Motyka to purchase the camera for the Police Department.

VOICE VOTE –

Unanimous

Mayor Novakoski stated that the ammunition quote came in at \$279.00 and stated that we had allocated \$300.00 and states that it is taken care of and came in under the cap of \$300.00.

SECRETARY REPORT- (Rhonda Wilk)

Rhonda Wilk stated that a motion is needed to approve the meeting minutes from the September 27th meeting.

MOTION – Mr. Lutz made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Burns to approve the meeting minutes from September 27th.

VOICE VOTE –

Unanimous

Rhonda Wilk states that correspondence was received from PSAB on the Conference to be held on October 14th through October 16th and states that was copied to both Mayor and Council.

Also a letter was received from the president of the West End Fire Association and that letter was also copied to both Mayor and Council.

TREASURERS REPORT (Paul A. Niglio, Jr.)

Report attachment #1

Mr. Niglio stated that council received a copy of the financial report and stated that a motion is needed to accept the report and to pay the bills.

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

ROLL CALL VOTE- DEITRICK (absent), LUTZ (yes), MALAKOSKI (yes), MOTYKA (yes), VARANO (yes), BURNS (yes), GORETSKI (absent)
5 YEAS – 0 NAYS

Mr. Lutz questioned Mr. Moroz on if we got squared away on the \$27,000.00 and all. Mr. Moroz replied that yes, we did adding that the \$27,000.00 was approved in a meeting and when you add everything up we still have that one month that will take us to that amount. Mr. Lutz asked if we are cool then with that. Mr. Moroz replied yes.

ROLL CALL VOTE- DEITRICK (absent), LUTZ (yes), MALAKOSKI (yes), MOTYKA (yes), VARANO (yes), BURNS (yes), GORETSKI (absent)
5 YEAS – 0 NAYS

Mr. Niglio stated that for the record the minimum municipal obligation for the police pension and the non-uniform pension plans, our minimum municipal obligation for 2017 is zero dollars in light of what was in the paper this week concerning Coal Township, some of the stuff that was said in that article was not true adding that there was no change in the laws that increased the pension for police officers, it has been that way since 1950. Mr. Niglio stated that our pensions do not have any obligation for 2017.

SOLICITORS REPORT- (William C. Cole)

No Report

POLICE REPORT – (Patrick McAndrew)

Report attachment #2

FIRE CHIEFS REPORT (Kevin O’Hearn)

Report attachment #3

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (Kevin O’ Hearn)

No Report

BUILDING INSPECTORS REPORT (Tri County Cog)

Report attachment #4

Mr. Bielskie stated that he has been talking with the architect on the situation with the handicap parking and stated that we will get it straightened out one way or another and that it is just which way we will go. He added that there will not be any additional fees. Mr. Bielskie stated that otherwise the building is coming along just fine.

CODE / HEALTH ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS REPORT (Russ Moroz)

Report attachment #5

SERVICE / FACILITIES COMMITTEE (Nicholas P. Goretski, III.)

Mr. Varano stated that Mr. Goretski is not here this evening and stated that he will take care of his report.

Mr. Varano stated that food surplus will be held on October 20th from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon.

Mr. Varano asked Mr. Motyka if he knows anything about the 6th Street project and questioned if that was the Multimodal grant. Mr. Motyka replied that it is the Penn Dot Multimodal and asked Rhonda Wilk if she received any notification that the grant opened. Rhonda Wilk replied that she has not received any notification on if the grant opened and added that nothing was done with applying for that grant at this time. Mr. Varano stated that we do not have any update on that one then.

Mr. Varano asked what council’s feelings are concerning storing the street sweeper at Mr. Cesari’s garage again this year adding that he did ask him about it this week. Mr. Varano questioned if we want to store it again for the 6 months.

Mr. Lutz stated that he thinks the cost is \$90.00 per month. Mr. Varano replied that he is not positive. Mr. Lutz replied that if not it is close.

MOTION- Mr. Lutz made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Malakoski to house the street sweeper at Mr. Cesari's garage again this year.

Mr. Varano stated that we do not have much of an alternative.

ROLL CALL VOTE- DEITRICK (absent), LUTZ (yes), MALAKOSKI (yes), MOTYKA (yes), VARANO (yes), BURNS (yes), GORETSKI (absent)
5 YEAS – 0 NAYS

Mr. Varano questioned when we will take the crosswalk signs down for the season. Mayor Novakoski stated that they will take them down for the Halloween Parade and then they will go back up for Trick or Treat and then they can be taken down for the season.

FINANCE AND PURCHASING (Stephen Motyka)

Mr. Motyka stated that Rhonda provided us with a quote for letterhead with our new street address and the quote is for 500 copies for \$115.00 or 1000 copies for \$200.00.

MOTION- Mr. Lutz made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Burns to spend \$200.00 to purchase new letterhead.

VOICE VOTE –

Unanimous

Mr. Motyka questioned on how and when we go about the interim financing, transferring the loan from BB&T to USDA and questioned if it will be the month after. Mr. Niglio replied that he can answer that question and stated Michelle from USDA was here in the office this past week and stated that she informed him that if we close the loan by December 31st and get our act together with all of the appropriations of what we are going to need that the rate will be 2.375% and that will be a savings of .75 % adding that when we locked in it was 3.125% and stated that at that time the rate could not go higher but it could go lower.

Mr. Niglio stated that at this point in time today the rate is 2.375% and so if we close by December 31 the rate will be lower. Mr. Niglio stated that it is like closing on a house, when you set up your mortgage you are doing interim financing in the beginning, the drawdown and you pay a different interest rate.

Mr. Lutz questioned who will handle that closing. Mr. Niglio replied that Mr. Cole will. Mr. Lutz stated that then we will have closing and take out BB&T and questioned if we have to have the whole amount of money spent by then. Mr. Niglio replied no and added

that we to know what we will use. Mr. Cole stated that we do need to know the final. Mr. Lutz replied that when we tell them a number then that is it. Mr. Cole replied that is correct, then that is it we need to know the final once the building is complete. Mr. Lutz stated that we can then fund out next year if we wanted. Mr. Cole replied yes. Mr. Niglio stated that is his understanding and if we do not close by December 31 under the present economic climate he stated that he does not see that rate going up adding it could go down and stated that we are not under distress here to move by December 31st. Mr. Niglio stated that was the conversation with Michelle from USDA.

CODE HEALTH AND SAFETY (George Malakoski)

No Report

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE (Walter Lutz)

Mr. Lutz stated that he met with Russ Moroz and added that there was one ordinance that he was particularly keen on and stated that the ordinance had to do with cutting your grass and shoveling your snow and that was the fundamental nature of it. He stated that he has it here written up and stated that he is not sure what the procedure is adding that he did not get with the committee because it is nearly impossible.

Mr. Lutz stated that it is pretty straight forward and asks if he then gives it to Mr. Cole and he then writes it up and then brings it to council, because it is all ready to go. Mr. Cole replied that we can definitely do that and he will then get a finished copy to the board and the Mayor so that they could examine it and we will then need a motion to advertise it and we can then pass it at the following meeting.

Mr. Lutz replied that the essence of it is to cut your grass and shovel your snow and stated that we are past the grass cutting but we can catch the snow. Mrs. Bielskie questioned what the consequences are if they don't do it. Mr. Lutz replied that there are some fines in here adding that he does not have the specifics but that he will check into it.

RECREATION COMMITTEE (Mark Burns)

Mr. Burns stated that we are about done for the year up at the stadium adding that football is just about finished and questioned Bruce Graff when they usually lock that for the year. Bruce Graff stated that they will have their homecoming this weekend and bonfire and stated that he does not know if they made any playoffs or anything like that. Mark Burns replied that he does not think so and stated that he believes that they are done. Bruce Graff stated that after the bonfire they will then go up and take the meter off, call the water company and shut the water off and drain the system.

BUILDING COMMITTEE (Stephen Motyka)

Mr. Motyka stated that we were going for a mid November move in date and questioned Russ Moroz on if he had any update on that. Russ Moroz replied that they are shooting for the 1st of November adding that the floors are going in right now and the ceilings next week. Mr. Motyka stated that we should still keep the move in date as mid-November. Mr. Motyka stated that we will need to determine an exact date so that we could switch the phone system over and roll over our numbers into the new location and stated that it will be a day of down time and stated that we will get with service electric.

Mr. Varano questioned what about the computers. Mr. Motyka replied that we will have to do that the same day. Mr. Niglio added if the computers are in by then adding that we had Liquid Technologies here and tried to explain to them what we were looking for. Mr. Niglio added that he, Rhonda, Russ and Pat had laid out what was needed for the Police and what the office needs and the total structure.

Mr. Niglio stated that we asked for three separate quotes, one for equipment, installation and labor, follow up. Mr. Niglio stated that Liquid Technologies has been on board with us for five or six years now and they know what we have and if we still wanted to keep them for the installation of all the equipment that we buy such as setting up the files, computers and the network etc... we could then buy the computers from Best Buy, them or someone else we could still have Liquid Technologies install everything if we wish to do so.

Mr. Niglio stated that we have not received anything back as of today. Mr. Niglio stated that Best Buy has not called us back yet, American Computers out of Frackville was called and they called back adding that he knows that Rhonda was on the phone with them today and so we do not know when this information is going to come, we requested quotes on what we think we need but did not receive anything yet.

Mr. Lutz questioned if he requested a package of transfer, get up and running the total deal. Mr. Niglio replied yes, that was the installation. Mr. Lutz questioned what will happen, unless there is a remarkable difference in prices the hardware guys will say it is the software guys and the software guys will say it is the hardware guys and so it is better sometimes to just have one guy and although it may be a little bit more money.

Mr. Niglio replied that we do not have any specialized software adding that all we have is Microsoft office. Mr. Lutz questioned if there are a lot of files. Mr. Niglio replied that we have a lot of files and they are all on a separate hard drive that we back up all of the time. Mr. Niglio replied that we are a simple deal, we need to just get it right to communicate with the printers, stuff like that.

Mr. Bielskie stated that you may want to see about an off site server so that if anything happens that all is backed up in five different locations. Mr. Niglio replied that we really don't have that kind of stuff that we need to do that. Mr. Lutz questioned then if we will have a bid by the next meeting then. Mr. Niglio replied that we told them we need these quotes as soon as possible, we told them we were looking at a completion date by

November 1st. Mr. Niglio added that we need to set up the addresses for the police so that they are not intergraded with us, there are a lot of back door stuff.

Keith Tamborelli asked about providing a quote, he stated that they would be able to provide a quote to the borough for the equipment and install, he added they do it all and stated that he could coordinate everything with Service Electric and all.

Mr. Niglio questioned who they are. Mr. Tamborelli replied Alert-Data stating that is his business adding that they donated all of their time here in the borough providing services adding that he has his bucket truck driving all over town. Mr. Niglio replied that he did not even know, he saw the bucket truck but didn't realize that was him. Mr. Niglio stated that he should come into the office tomorrow and see Rhonda for the information of what is needed and by all means submit a quote. Mr. Varano agreed.

Mr. Motyka stated that catalogs were picked up and some discussions of furniture took place and stated that he asked Rhonda to visit the furniture distributor and see what they have and what would work for us and see about getting information and prices. Mr. Motyka questioned Rhonda if she has had the opportunity to visit the distributor yet. Rhonda Wilk replied that the plan is to get there this week. Mr. Varano commented that would be good.

Mr. Motyka stated that we will see how the winter pans out adding that we may then want to come back to the energy audit, we all know how the East End ran before and how energy inefficient it was.

Mr. Motyka stated that with the move date his question is the Bruce Graff on if we have enough manpower to make a move like this. Bruce Graff replied not really. Mr. Motyka questioned how then we go about getting him some help and asked council for a little direction on that. Mr. Motyka stated that all of the boxes will have to be emptied out and questioned if the safe will come along, and there is a safe upstairs.

Mr. Niglio replied that the safe downstairs is a gun safe and stated that does not weight 1,000 pounds adding that they got it in pretty easy. Bruce Graff replied with four guys and a hand cart. Mr. Lutz questioned if we know what we are going to move. Mr. Motyka replied that it is mostly files and added that he thought that the safe was a bigger deal than that.

Mr. Lutz stated that you could get people to come in and bid on it but we may be able to give some work to some of the citizens or get some volunteers. Mr. Motyka stated that we will get together and he will get up and walk around and see what will need to be moved adding that he does not know what the scope of the moving will be. Mr. Lutz stated that we still are not settled on a moving date are we. Mr. Motyka replied no, we are saying the middle of November rather than the 1st of November so that we can stay operational.

Mr. Motyka announced that we notified the Football Baseball Association and the Police Athletic League as to what their plan is and that as of November they will no longer have

use of this building and stated that we have not heard back from them on an action plan on their part. Mr. Burns replied that the PAL has a plan and is planning a work party for the end of the month to move the equipment. Mr. Motyka questioned if they have a place to store it. Mr. Burns replied that they will store it in the Polish Club.

Mr. Motyka stated that the same thing with shutting off all of the utilities off to this building so that we are not paying any heat or electricity. Mr. Motyka said that we have to notify L & I about our boiler permit being terminated. Mr. Motyka stated that he knows Bruce Graff met with them last year when we had a couple deficiencies and stated that we prolonged it through the non heating season but stated that he thinks that it is time Bruce Graff notifies L & I that we will no longer be using the boiler.

Mr. Varano questioned what happens if we turn the building over to the Geisinger. Mr. Motyka replied that he would think with the change of hands that the new owner would be associated with the building.

Mr. Motyka stated that another thing is that we are moving into this new building and that we purchased a DVR and cameras and questioned on if we want to install this in the month of November. Mr. Motyka questioned Mr. Tamborelli on the install and asked for a price from him to install the equipment that he sold to the borough. Mr. Tamborelli stated that there was a camera system in the building. Russ Moroz stated that all of that is gone, all of that has been torn down.

Mr. Motyka questioned on how many cameras are needed stating that they had talked about monitoring the exterior of the building and the evidence room and questioned if anyone has a concern on where we will need cameras and questions Mr. Tamborelli how many cameras the DVR can hold and Mr. Tamborelli replied 16. Mr. Motyka stated that he does not think cameras are a big expense. Mr. Motyka stated that we can't wire for them now, it will have to be after the contractors are finished and walk away and then be done.

Mr. Motyka stated that he has a Requisition and Certificate for Reilly Mechanical to be paid \$26,264.61 and stated that a motion will be needed to approve that payment and sign the certificate.

Mr. Motyka stated that he has a change order here that increased Reilly Mechanical's contract adding that it reads that it increased with the cost of the water heaters which was last meeting and also the increase for the sprinkler system for the four or five heads that was missed and questions what makes up the other \$3,000.00.

Russ Moroz replied that there are two change orders from Reilly that they did not have the correct paperwork to get approved stating that one was for the range receptacle and the hood for the SAC and the other one was for the lighting system sensors outside. Mr. Motyka questioned if Reilly Mechanical is the plumbing contractor. Russ Moroz replied Reilly is the Electrical. Mr. Motyka replied that this was the plumbing contractor. Russ Moroz replied yes and added that Reilly Mechanical is all electrical and Shannon Smith

is the plumbing. Mr. Varano questions if that one was approved at the last months meeting. Russ Moroz replied that they were approved to have that done but Reilly has not sent the correct paperwork. Mr. Varano stated that this is for payment; the work order was already approved adding that this has to go to Michelle. Mr. Motyka stated that he then has to send back up paperwork. Russ Moroz stated that he sent paperwork with the quote on and we accepted the quote but they have to send the right paperwork or they will not get paid.

MOTION- Mr. Motyka made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Burns to sign the Requisition and Certificate and changes to Reilly Mechanical Contract.

ROLL CALL VOTE- DEITRICK (absent), LUTZ (yes), MALAKOSKI (yes), MOTYKA (yes), VARANO (yes), BURNS (yes), GORETSKI (absent)
5 YEAS – 0 NAYS

SENIOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – Personnel/Fire, EMA, Police/Grants
(C. Deitrick, B. Varano and S. Motyka)

Mr. Motyka stated that concerning the CDBG funding, we applied for a grant through the County CDBG money and we were not picked, they told us that our proposal was good and to reapply next year. Mr. Motyka stated that they choose Zerbe Township and Mahony Township ahead of us. Mr. Motyka stated that it sounds positive.

Mr. Motyka announced that this coming Tuesday we will have 60 school students to come into the borough and plant trees and also to learn about the history of Kulpmont, Quaker Run, coal mining and reclamation. Mr. Motyka stated that they will be here for 9:00 a.m. and then later they will leave for the water companies where they will kick for minnows and learn about creek quality and they will return for lunch and to plant the trees along the creek bed and will then return to school.

Mr. Niglio stated that just information for the record, Mr. Motyka had solicited people in town to help out with this endeavor and stated that the Knights of Columbus and Holy Angels will be supplying the lunch for this event and so it will not cost the borough anything.

Mr. Motyka states that along with the grant the Kulpmont Sportsman Club has donated for additional trees and stated that he just would like to thank them ahead of time.

Mr. Lutz questioned where we were planting the trees. Mr. Motyka replied along the creek bed. Mr. Lutz stated that we need to sweep through there for snakes before the kids come adding that he walks down there and there are a lot of snakes.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

Mr. Varano stated that he does not see anyone but we should talk about this fire department a little more. He stated that we will move onto the opportunity for citizens to be heard first.

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Mr. Bielskie stated that they have been having an issue with rats and stated that the problem started at 1109 and said they have been trying to get it cleaned up. He stated that the past two weeks have been hell in their house. Mr. Bielskie stated that there are rats in his kitchen, one dead behind the TV and two were on sticky traps. He stated that we know where they come in and they baited it but the rats are coming over to his house and asked if council could imagine the smell in his house stating that he is using sprays and everything and anything, whatever chemicals they can get and that smell still is not going away.

Mr. Bielskie stated that it is getting to the point where he will have to have a contractor come in and suit up and take his 12 x 12 ceiling down. Mr. Bielskie stated Russ was there and he heard, its toxic and he does not want anyone breathing that and does not want his ceiling to fall. He stated that this is something we have to watch and get with the sewer authority and see if they can help but furthermore we have to keep on these rental people, 18 loads of garbage out of this house.

Mr. Varano questions how he can blame that on the sewer authority. Mr. Bielskie questioned where are the rats coming from now. Mr. Varano stated that they are coming from the garbage apparently. Russ Moroz said that the garbage is now gone and that he talked with the sewer authority today and that they are going to bait that manhole tomorrow.

Mr. Bielskie stated that they rats are getting in the neighboring house and chewing the daughters binky adding that we cannot have that, so we need to have them step up also. Mr. Bielskie stated that it all started with the garbage next door.

Mr. Lutz questioned Russ Moroz on if that landlord has been fined. Russ Moroz stated that citations have been issued again today and tomorrow. Mr. Lutz asked if we cited him and fined him. Russ Moroz stated that he can fine him \$100.00 per day. Mr. Lutz questioned if that is what we are doing. Russ Moroz stated that is what he is doing and they are going to the magistrate this week, 20 citations. Mr. Lutz questioned if he has the date and time of the magistrate as to when all of that is happening.

Russ Moroz stated that he is going to press for a quicker hearing on that. Mr. Lutz questioned if we are maxing him. Russ Moroz stated that we are maxing him but that

does not turn out to be the max fine adding that the magistrate can impose up to \$1,000.00 per day.

Mrs. Bielskie stated that she would like to see ordinances enforced before it gets to this level. She said they have been dealing with this property for years and they have been complaining and trying to get help from everyone they could turn to and now they are at this point. She stated that she leaves her house at 6:00 a.m. stating that she is afraid to stay in the house and then sits in her car until her husband comes home so that he can come in and clean up the dead rats in the kitchen and said that she should not have to live like that.

Russ Moroz replied that her husband understands that he cannot go into the properties and states that this is only a suggestion but possible we could change our rental ordinance to make the landlord go into the properties because this situation was him not checking on it, there is no way that it got like this overnight. Mrs. Bielskie stated that the landlord is saying that he is not knowing but that is not true and stated that they sent him certified letters, came to the code officer and the police, did everything that they could do and they are still living like this.

Mr. Bielskie stated that Russ Moroz was down there 20 or 30 times about the garbage this summer adding that they could not even sit outside and added talked to landlord and it went in one ear and out the other because he does not care. Russ Moroz stated that he is saying you are going to fine me and I am going for a hearing and added that he has a funny feeling this is going to go all the way down to the courthouse.

Russ Moroz said that he cannot see how he can not be found guilty with all of the pictures they have but if he appeals then guess what we will go down to down to Sunbury. Mr. Bielskie stated that the state sent you pictures. Russ Moroz stated that is correct and that a state agency and that is how he ended up in the house because the caretaker of the lady that lived in there sent him pictures and that is how he had the right to go in because it was a state agency contacting him to go in.

Mrs. Bielskie said that it sounds to her like the ordinances need some more backbone to them so that we are aloud to deal with these issues. She said that this house is connected to her house but there are two other properties that are the same thing and nothing is being done. She added that the only thing they respond to is a fine and stated that is the first thing to get his attention was this fine. She commented that it has been 72 days to date today and it's not cleaned up properly. Mr. Bielskie invited anyone to come to his house and open his cellar door and smell the smell.

Russ Moroz stated that is why he is being fined daily because he blatantly let it go and stated that you did not even need to open the door and you could smell it.

Mr. Bill Cole questioned if there is anyone in there. Russ Moroz replied no and said that he posted it unfit for human habitation and that there was a hearing today but did not go into the hearing because they were fighting it and saying that they did not leave there.

But they were staying there and were cited for trespassing. Mrs. Bielskie said that there were fire alarms, smoke alarms going off and they are over there smoking and you wake up in the middle of the night and smell that adding it has been horrendous and stated that other people living in this town have the same situation.

Mr. Bielskie stated that all we can do is that we got Russ Moroz on the right track and hopefully as we go through the town people will wise up.

Mr. Motyka questioned about recently where Shamokin passed an ordinance where the landlord supplies to containers for each resident. Mr. Varano replied that we have that already. Russ Moroz added that we do two containers with lids but the problem we have with our ordinance is that we do not enforce the out of the garbage can, because the bag can be out of the can and out on garbage day. He asked how he can tell if the bag is out for garbage day and know when it will be collected.

Mayor Novakoski stated that Berwick and Bloomsburg have good ordinances; one is that the code official could walk in anytime he wants. The Mayor said that there is an agreement that must be signed if you want to rent in the town of Bloomsburg and you have to sign the agreement that you will abide by all of the regulations and they must be posted and also you may fine the landlord and the code official has the right to inspect the property at any given time. Mr. Burns added that also if there are fines outstanding the property can not be rented. Mayor Novakoski stated that ordinance in Berwick is even better than Bloomsburg, they are adopted and proven.

Mr. Bielskie stated that we cannot completely blame the landlord; we do have some good ones. Mrs. Bielskie commented that this home is destroyed beyond repair and through the walls.

Mayor Novakoski commented on his mom's home and stated that a landlord came to him and wanted to buy the home for \$10,000.00 adding that the problem with that is that he is not going to fix it and will run it into the ground and there is a 2 story garage that he will put garbage in.

Mr. Lutz commented that most of the landlords are good citizens but you get two or three like this and the whole community suffers.

Mrs. Stephanie Niglio spoke and stated that when she was on council she worked on them for four straight years and stated that council did not approve was to take out of the ordinance the fact that you could put your garbage out the night before, you can but it has to be in the receptacle, you cannot leave it in a bag. She stated that they changed the ordinance to update everything and made a new ordinance and listed what they could and couldn't have on their porches and in their yards.

Mrs. Stephanie Niglio stated that they tried to make the landlords more conscious on whom they rented to by upping their fees and that fell apart and that was the big hit that the borough took and there are reasons why that fell apart but they are too long to

mention right now. She added that the problem landlords are the ones that rent a few months here and there and keep bringing in these not so terrific people who do these things.

Mr. Bielskie stated that not so long ago and maybe some of you remember when the SWAT team came in their house, right in their bedroom door because the guy next door threatened to shoot everybody. He said the people that lived there before these people; he threatened to burn the house down.

Mrs. Stephanie Niglio asked Mr. Cole if there is any legal way that you can have the bad landlords not rent anymore. Mr. Cole states that we do have a section on the three strikes. Russ Moroz added that we should change it to all of their properties cannot be rented. Mr. Varano commented to Mr. Lutz that should be made top priority.

Mr. Lutz states that we have three people that should be ostracized and for those that do not know what that means he stated he will explain later.

Mrs. Bielskie stated that with the grass, they should fine them right away and give no warnings when the grass is high cut it and get the problems when they are small. She stated that the house on the other side of them the porch is falling off and they have it repaired with cement, spray foam and duct tape and it is ridiculous and it is just a matter of time before we are up here talking about that property.

Mr. Bielskie questioned if anyone in town is having that problem with those little sewer flies. Mr. Varano replied that they are drain flies and that he thinks everyone has a problem with them. He stated that two years ago they were bad and this year they are bad again.

Keith Tamborelli of Kulpmont stated that he just purchased the 912 Chestnut Street next to the town park and stated that they bought the whole corner out and will be tearing that building down and cleaning up the whole corner there. He stated that they would like to tie the camera system into their network so that the police department will have access to that and said that right now it is stand alone. He stated that it will not cost you anything we just want to make sure with the council to make that camera system active.

Mr. Varano questioned if he will have access to it. Mr. Tamborelli replied that the police will and so will anyone on council. Mr. Motyka stated that for the people that do not know we had vandalism at the town park and it is a stand alone DVR right now but we asked that they could put it into the whole system. Mr. Tamborelli said now that he bought that it can tie into their network there and then have access to that system. Mr. Tamborelli stated that they bought the building in the back, the front and the one to the right. He stated that they are tearing the one down to the right and the one in the back will be the business and the other one will be for whatever she wants to do.

MOTION- Mr. Lutz made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Motyka to accept the offer to setting up the video system with the council and the police department only have access to the system.

ROLL CALL VOTE- DEITRICK (absent), LUTZ (yes), MALAKOSKI (yes), MOTYKA (yes), VARANO (yes), BURNS (yes), GORETSKI (absent)
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Mr. Varano questioned what are we doing with this fire department and questions where are we.

Mr. Lutz replied no where and commented that the deal with it is that we need to get together and have a very professional discussion and say from the fire company, this is all of the money we got and this is what we need to do with that money. Mr. Lutz stated that at the last meeting it came out that the turn out equipment is too old now and the radios and you know..... Mr. Lutz said that he appreciates the fact that we are trying to get them moved down there and stated that he does not think there is any problem with moving down there but it is moving down there into what.

Mr. Lutz stated what your idea is and their idea is different. He said and then there is the idea of where is the money going to come from. Mr. Lutz suggested that we all have a little meeting in say two weeks and we just won't walk into the meeting without any preparation, we will have all the preparation ahead of time and all of that.

Mr. Varano questioned what kind of preparation he is talking about. Mr. Lutz replied to get all of the numbers together. Mr. Varano replied that we gave them all of the numbers and asked what more numbers you are looking for. Mr. Lutz replied that he is not looking for any numbers, he looked to present them, all of their numbers as far as equipment needs or concerns, or not. Mr. Lutz said he is trying to say lets get together and try it again.

Mayor Novakoski asked that if you are going to buy new equipment wouldn't it be nice to have a building to store it in and stated that he thinks the building should come before the equipment.

Barry Fetterman commented that the money can only be used for equipment and said that is the trick of it is. Mr. Varano replied no, that is where you are wrong.

Mr. Motyka commented that the state fire commission offers a 2% loan to build any building that they want and if they apply for a loan and build then we could continue the allotment of \$8000.00 and that would cover the mortgage on whatever they decide to build and then they are on their own.

Mr. Lutz states that he wants to be very upfront and there are a lot of plans to start to raise money. Mayor Novakoski stated that four girls raised \$37,000.00 for THINK BIG over 12 months and so the fire department could raise money. Mr. Varano stated that they

did a hell of a job and we will have to get them a resolution. Mrs. Niglio commented that our fire department volunteers, we love and respect them but they can't say they cannot do any fundraisers. Mr. Lutz stated that the deal with it is that plans are being put in place now to raise money and a lot of people raise money adding that there are some people in town that are remarkable at raising money.

Mr. Varano commented that when you get told right out by the fire company that they are not going to have any fundraisers and they are not going to apply for any grant that is like kicking someone right in the teeth. Mr. Lutz replied that sometimes people say things in what he calls heightened sensitivity.... Mayor Novakoski interjected and made the statement "don't make excuses for them." Mr. Lutz replied that he was not making excuses at all and made the statement to the Mayor that he is the same way adding that he is the same way and that sometimes he says something and that he does not think that he means it but that he gets upset and then may say something.

Mayor Novakoski replied that is not correct adding that 90% of the time he means it and very rarely does he say something that he does not mean. Mr. Varano stated that the article on the radios read that they were getting \$67,000.00 worth of radios and so they are not going to need money for radios. Mr. Lutz replied that he did read that and he wants to get all of that together because there was a deal where they had 96 and 47 and turnout equipment and so what he thinks they need to do is have a little pause.

Mr. Varano replied that we may not have a pause. Mr. Lutz replied that you have got to do what you have to do. Mr. Varano stated that if things start moving with this building we are going to have to move out, if we sell the building we are going to have to move out of the garage. Mr. Lutz replied that he has all of the faith in Mr. Cole's ability to keep the garage for 12 or 14 months. Mr. Lutz replied he does not have anything to add.

Mr. Varano questioned if anyone had anything else. No one responded.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT THE CALL OF THE CHAIR

RHONDA WILK
BOROUGH SECRETARY

DATE OF APPROVAL

