

**KULPMONT BOROUGH  
MEETING FOR GENERAL PURPOSE  
SEPTEMBER 27, 2016**

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 September 27, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Roll call was taken and the following members were present: Mayor Novakoski, Bruno R. Varano, Walter Lutz, Nicholas P. Goretski and Mark Burns.

**ABSENT:** Clarence H. Deitrick, Stephen Motyka and George Malakoski.

**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, Bruce D. Graff, Barry Fetterman, Joe Politza, Jeff Gilotti, Tom Balanda, Kevin O’Hearn, CJ Mannello, David Balick, Joe Cesari and Robert Nolan.

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

No one spoke

Mr. Varano stated that we have a Resolution #723 for Mike Pitcavage adding that he is not here to accept it tonight.

Mr. Varano stated that we have municipal records that will need to be shredded and disposed of before we make our move down to the new building and to do so we will need to pass Resolution #724 and #725 and states that they read as follow;

**RESOLUTION #724**

***A RESOLUTION OF** the Borough of Kulpmont, Northumberland County, Pennsylvania, declaring its intent to follow the schedules and procedures for disposition of records as set forth in the municipal; records manual approved on December 16, 2008.*

***WHEREAS,** a Local Government Records Committee was created by Act 428 of 1968 and empowered thereby to make rules and regulations for records disposition; and,*

***WHEREAS**, the Municipal Records Manual was approved by said committee on December 16, 2008; and,*

***WHEREAS**, the Municipal Records Manual was approve by said committee on December 16, 2008; and,*

***WHEREAS**, the Borough of Kulpmont desires to dispose of records according to statutory requirements;*

***NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Borough of Kulpmont, Northumberland County, Pennsylvania, that it intends to follow the schedules and procedures for disposition of records as set forth in the Municipal Records Manual approved on December 16, 2008.*

Mr. Vararno asks if we have a motion to adopt this resolution.

**MOTION**- Mr. Goretski made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Burns to adopt Resolution #724.

**VOICE VOTE**-

Unanimous

Mr. Varano read aloud the following resolution,

### **RESOLUTION #725**

***BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the Borough of Kulpmont, Northumberland County, Pennsylvania that*

***WHEREAS**, by virtue of Resolution 724 adopted September 27, 2016, the Borough of Kulpmont declared its intent to follow the schedules and procedures for the disposition of records as set forth in the Municipal Records Manual approved on December 16, 2008, and,*

***WHEREAS**, in accordance with Act 428 of 1968, each individual act of disposition shall be approved by resolution of the governing body of the municipality;*

***NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Council of the Borough of Kulpmont, Northumberland County, Pennsylvania, in accordance with the above cited Municipal Records Manual, hereby authorizes the disposition of the following public records:*

**See Exhibit A  
EXHIBIT A**



**MOTION-** Mr. Goretski made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Burns to adopt Resolution #725

**VOICE VOTE-**

Unanimous

Mr. Varano stated that is less we will have to haul down to the new building.

Mr. Varano stated that all council members received a copy of the contract lease for the Senior Citizen Action Center and had time to review it and asks if we have a motion to accept the contract and send it on down to Sunbury.

**MOTION-** Mr. Goretski made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Burns to accept the contract for the Senior Citizen Action Center and return it to Northumberland County for review and signature.

**VOICE VOTE-**

Unanimous

**MAYORS REPORT** (Bernard Novkoski)

Mayor Novakoski announced that the department is still seeking part time police officers.

Mayor Novakoski stated that a purchase for uniforms is needed for our officer Nathan Foust for two pair of pants and two shirts with the cost not to exceed \$300.00.

Mayor Novakoksi stated that some items are also needed for Patrick McAndrew adding that the cost of those items will come out of his uniform allotment adding that a motion will not be needed for that purchase.

**MOTION-** Mr. Goretski made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Lutz to purchase uniforms for Nathan Foust not to exceed \$300.00.

**VOICE VOTE** –

Unanimous

Mayor Novakoski stated that ammunition, 9mm will be needed for the police department and after a brief discussion officer in charge, Patrick McAndrew will put a list and price quote together and have it for the next meeting. Mr. Varano questioned if that is all that is needed questioning if he needs any shotgun ammo. Officer McAndrew replied that they are good on shotgun ammo and that they will only need the 9mm. Mr. Goretski suggests that he figure out what is needed for the year adding that you may get a better deal buying bulk.

Mayor Novakoski announced that Trick or Treat night will be held in the Borough on October 29<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and reminded all to watch out for the little darlings adding that they will be running all over the place. Mr. Varano questions if that is a Saturday. Mayor Novakoski replied that it is a Saturday.

Mr. Lutz stated that he has a few questions for the Mayor and proceeded to ask how it was going applicant wise for the part time police officers. Mayor Novakoski responded not too good adding that he only received two applications.

Mr. Lutz questioned on how the auxiliary police is going. Mayor Novakoski replied that he has two.

Mr. Lutz questioned if he knows how much money year to date that was spent in the police department. Mayor Novakoski replied “no I don’t.” Mr. Lutz asked if he would have a notion on what it would cost to provide 24/7 365? Mayor Novakoski replied that he would have to get with Mr. Niglio to see what is in the budget.

Mr. Lutz stated that he thinks that the budget this year was \$166,500.00 and questions if we have reports to show, the term would be a histogram and what a histogram does is to tell you when calls are received and questions if we have anything like that.

Mayor Novakoski replied they log them in. Mr. Lutz stated then we have a histogram that would tell you that say from twelve to one we got twenty two calls per month and this and that and then we would go through and analyze that even further to the severity of the calls like where someone is trying to shoot me to say a barking dog. Officer in charge Patrick McAndrew replied yes they do.

Mr. Lutz commented so we don’t know what it would cost, we don’t know what we spent year to date and then questions the Mayor on when we get the applicants how it works asking if he interviews them or how does that work.

Mayor Novakoski replied that he has the Chief interview him because he checks them out and knows if they have numbers, he checks all of the information out that he is no permitted to do.

Mr. Lutz stated that he thinks that we ran an ad once and a question if that is correct. Mayor Novakoski replied that we ran in three or four different papers.

Mr. Varano added that actually we ran two ads, we ran one ad in the Shamokin paper and then we ran the second one in the other papers.

Mr. Lutz questions if we need to run another ad. Mayor Novakoski replied that he does not think it would do any good because there is a shortage of police officers adding that nobody wants to be a police officer anymore.

Mr. Lutz questioned if we increased the hourly rate asking what it is now. Mr. Varano replied \$15.00 per hour and continued to say that rate is standard in the entire hour for part time help. Mr. Lutz suggested may be that we should look into increasing that.

Mayor Novakoski replied that he does not think that would do any good adding that many are working and have the shifts that they want adding we need them for the weekends and they are probably working someplace else and they probably want their weekend off also.

Mr. Lutz replied sure and if they can get more money, everyone would go for it if they could get more money. Mayor Novakoski added that right now there is just a shortage. Mr. Lutz stated that he will have some more questions later on adding that it would be interesting to see what it would cost to have a 24/7 36 police force. Mayor Novakoski replied that the coverage is not there.

**SECRETARY REPORT** (Rhonda Wilk)

Rhonda Wilk stated that approval is needed on the meeting minutes from the August 9<sup>th</sup> and the August 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting minutes.

**MOTION**- Mr. Goretski made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Burns to approve the meeting minutes from the August 9<sup>th</sup> and August 23<sup>rd</sup> regular monthly meetings.

**VOICE VOTE**-

Unanimous

Rhonda Wilk states that correspondence was received from the Department of Public Safety on the Northumberland County Hazardous Mitigation plan and stated that was copied to Mayor, Council and EMA Kevin O' Hearn.

Mr. Varano questioned Mr. O'Hearn on if he was going to take care of that. Mr. Kevin O'Hearn replied that he was looking into that and will do what he can stating that it may require if there are any changes an engineer approval may be needed.

Mr. Varano directed him then to take a look at it and if an engineer approval would be needed to then let council know.

**TREASURES REPORT** (Paul A. Niglio, Jr.)

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

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

Mr. Lutz questioned the fact that he is seeing these bills from 3B architects and stated that he assumes that is essentially on the building stating that what his dilemma is that there was a motion back in probably July stating that it was mentioned a price of \$27,000.00 and what he has is a document that states \$32,000.00 and states that is not signed and questions which is it.

Mr. Varano replied that originally it came in at \$32,500.00 he believes and added that council turned that proposal, quote down and negotiated to the second proposal, quote. Mr. Lutz questioned if we have a signed document with them. Mr. Varano replied that he is sure that we do.

Mr. Lutz stated that he has something here that is unsigned and stated that the deal with it is that when you look further into the packet that we are going to come sign it is well over \$27,000.00 and the project is not finished stating that his notion is that in another month or two with what they are charging us another \$1300.00 per month for administration that thing will come out the \$34,000.00 which is about 18 percent over \$27,000.00.

Mr. Lutz stated that the point of it is that we should kind of get that organized, questioning what are we committed to. Mr. Varano questioned what it is that he is looking and questioned if he is looking at the reimbursement payment schedule. Mr. Lutz replied yes adding that the thing that came out, he added that he has a document from Mr. Baer where the thing isn't signed and it reads \$32,000.00 on it from May 15, 2015.

Mr. Varano replied that is not the one that was accepted and stated that was the original one. Mr. Lutz questioned if we have a signed accepted one. Mr. Varano questioned Rhonda Wilk if this list is the total payments. Rhonda Wilk replied that all of those have been paid and are totaled for reimbursement; they are up to date adding they don't include anything past the last month.

Mr. Lutz stated that he thinks what it is that those fees are up to September and stated that his sense is that the building will not be finished until November, so..... Mr. Varano interjected that it is going to be done in October.

Mr. Lutz stated that there is another deal that instead of \$34,000.00, \$32,750.00, commenting that he thinks that everyone was under the impression it was \$27,000.00. Mr. Varano stated that he was under that impression.

Mr. Lutz stated that if we had a signed document we would be able to kind of get organized on that and so it is kind of hard to pay these bills when it appears as though they have gone over what we thought that they were going to charge us and stated that his sense is that for the sake of progress if we just put them aside for a day and then Russ can contact them, adding that he is doing a very, very good job down there.

Mr. Varano asked Russ if he could get a hold of him tomorrow. Russ agreed to do so. Mr. Varano stated that we are still going to have to pass payment on all of these bills but that does not mean that we cannot question them.

Mr. Lutz said that if we could just gets a memorandum from Russ stating that he talked to them and this is what we are thinking and we get situated on that.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**- DEITRICK (absent), LUTZ (no), MALAKOSKI (absent), MOTYKA (absent), VARANO (yes), BURNS (yes), GORETSKI (yes)  
3YEAS – 1 NAY

Mr. Lutz stated that he has some questions for Mr. Niglio. Mr. Lutz stated that he does not see any receipts and expenditures from January until the end of August, like a financial statement. Mr. Niglio replied that we will be working on that this quarter and added that the girls will update that and then he will review it.

Mr. Lutz questioned if then we do not have anything from January on and it is the end of September. Mr. Niglio replied not certified. Mr. Lutz replied that he is not looking for certified he is only looking for a report, a thing that says revenues and expenditures. Mr. Niglio replied no, it's not available.

Mr. Lutz commented then so, we don't have that as the end of September and questions what our cash balance is now. Mr. Niglio replied it's on the financial statement, \$255,000.00. Mr. Lutz questioned what it should be. Mr. Niglio replied there is no what it should be.

Mr. Lutz said yes there is and if you put a budget together there would be and you know that. Mr. Niglio replied that yes he does know that, there is no monthly balance that can be forecasted. Mr. Lutz commented "really"? Mr. Niglio replied that in government business anything can happen. Mr. Varano made the comment that anything could happen. Mr. Lutz directed a statement to Mr. Varano that he has the floor.

Mr. Lutz replied to Mr. Niglio that yet you told him that the budgets are essentially just sort of copied over from year to year. Mr. Lutz stated that in government when there is not a cash budget, that is an issue and when you look at 2013, 2014 and 2015 and you look if we have a balance now of \$253,000.00 you could go ahead on average and see what was spent for those three years the last four months of the year which is \$200,000.00 and receipts are about \$163,000.00 and so there is a delta there of \$37,000.00.

Mr. Lutz stated that one could then go ahead and project out to the end of the year and say do we have too much or too little money. He added that if we receive receipts as we have been in 2013, 2014 and 2015 there will be a pretty serious balance at the end of the year adding that if we had that information then we could kind of decide what we are going to do about it.

Mr. Lutz questioned Mr. Niglio if the audit has been fixed where those numbers were out of sequence. Mr. Niglio replied that he is not sure exactly what .... Mr. Lutz added that would be the deal the average is \$157,000.00 disbursements \$194,000.00 there is a \$37,000.00 difference and with that then you could go ahead and project a deal and what you should have is a cash balance number and a budget and a balance at the end of the month and you should do something called a analysis of variance. Mr. Niglio replied that if he would pay him that money he would have it. Mr. Lutz replied that he will help him.

Mr. Niglio stated that if you look at last year statements of receipts and expenditures on a monthly basis none of them are the same adding that he cannot anticipate what this council does here when they spend money.

Mr. Niglio stated that he don't know if they are going to pay 3B this money back in January adding that he did not know until today and asks then how he could forecast that. Mr. Lutz replied because you put a budget together and when you put a budget together, then one can say what is in the budget.

Mr. Lutz stated that when you look at what the borough spends how much percentage wise is related to personnel. Mr. Niglio replied about 85 percent. Mr. Lutz replied it is about 90 percent as is it the same about the cash balance and so what he is saying is that there was a meeting back in January when we came up to give some raises and we didn't know if we could do that and well if there was a cash budget then we could have told right away.

Mr. Niglio replied that there is a budget and there is a cash balance adding that this and previous councils do not abide by a budget, they spend money when someone has four votes. Mr. Niglio added that we do not have a zero based budget here.

Mr. Lutz stated that in any government the most important thing is cash and we do not have cash balance. Mr. Niglio stated that when he does that report it gives you the numbers. Mr. Lutz made the statement that we do not have any receipt and expenditure from January through September.

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

No Report

**POLICE REPORT** (Officer in Charge Patrick McAndrew)

Report attachment #2

**FIRE CHIEFS REPORT** (Kevin O'Hearn)

Report attachment #3

Chief Kevin O'Hearn stated that they have been notified that they have been denied their Federal Grant for their turnout gear and so they are going to have to re-examine what they are going to do there. He added that that some of their gear is starting to come out of compliance and so they are going to have to try and reapply for it adding that of course there are no guarantees. Chief O'Hearn commented that Rep. Barletta did not come through for them as they were hoping he would. He added that there are grants they will utilize and they will continue to seek funds.

Chief O'Hearn stated that tentatively the radio project is due to go on line at the end of October and stated that they are not really sure how many radios are going to be given to them but they defiantly do know that however many radios they do give them that it will not be sufficient enough and so they will end up having to get some mobiles and portables on their own. He added that they are going live the end of October and so what that means is that the way they get dispatched and contact the communication with the radios will no longer be in service, they will not do a dispatch on the old system so we are probably looking at probably roughly \$200,000.00 worth of equipment that will probably be worth \$5,000.00 come the end of October.

Chief O'Hearn stated that the county will be providing them with a minimum of two to three mobile radios and anywhere between 14 to 19 portables and that includes 3 for the Chiefs. Mr. Varano questioned if he got the list of grants available. Mr. O'Hearn stated that he did and stated that the grant listed is the one that they apply for every year.

Mr. Varano stated that he knows that there was one there from Home Depot that they could get for equipment or for any remodeling or upgrading. Chief O'Hearn stated that Wal-Mart has one as well and states that they have explored many grant funding and continue to seek funding.

Mr. Goretski questioned when the gear becomes outdated. Mr. Goretski stated that you cannot send guys out there in a fire with outdated equipment because then we are liable and we cannot have that, god forbid that there is a fire and the fireman gets hurt in expired equipment.

Chief O'Hearn replied that historically the gear is good for 10 years theirs is 13 years old. Mr. Varano questioned if it is non certifiable or useable or isn't it. Chief O'Hearn stated that they currently use it and it is up to previous standards and the question comes that if a firefighter would be injured or god forbid killed because of the gear not being OSHA compliant would be a liability to the borough. Jeff Gilotti added that they really have no choice but to use it asking what is the alternative.

Chief O'Hearn stated that they intend to apply for a grant to slowly upgrade it stating that you are looking though at \$26,000.00 vs. \$185,000.00 adding that the will say this that they are not the only department in this predicament.

Mr. Varano agreed and stated that he has talked to other fire companies and money is tight. Chief O'Hearn stated that at the end of the day they don't fully comply with OSHA

standards. Mr. Goretski questioned on how the attorney feel about that because we are sending guys out in 13 year old equipment. The Solicitor William C. Cole stated that first of all he feels that if we want to continue with this conversation then he feels that we should bring the Chiefs in and discuss in executive session.

Mr. Varano commented yes, you are talking possible litigation. Mr. Lutz asked if we could re-certify the equipment.

Chief O'Hearn stated that they can it has to be sent out depending on the type of gear it can be done and has been done in the past but it has to go through all kind of procedures.

Mr. Burns questioned if then this gets inspected when you buy it and it does not get inspected again on a yearly basis. Chief O'Hearn replied that there is no formal inspection other than the Chief Officers of each company to visually inspect the gear and if worn to have it taken out of service or re-conditioned, it's a complicated process.

Mr. Varano questions if when they replace equipment do you replace the whole turnout gear if they replace a piece at a time. Chief O'Hearn stated that the current turnout gear that they have they received a grant for and they received 35 complete sets of gear which was everything from boots, pants, coat, gloves, and the helmet. He states that they are looking to purchase now is really the pants and coats, they are trying to piece meal a little bit at a time. He stated that within five years they will need air packs and they are about \$200,000.00.

Mr. Varano questioned how many actual sets we need. Chief O'Hearn replied 35 roughly and states that includes exterior guys adding that they have 25 members certified. Chief O'Hearn states that what they do is rotate gear out and so the members not going into the building may not be as equipped as the members that would be more involved in a fire or going into a building.

Chief O'Hearn states that they applied for a federal grant for the last four years and have tried to replace the turnout gear because they knew that it was coming to an end. Mr. Varano stated that with it being a presidential election year he stated that he doubts that they will get it next year.

Chief Gilotti stated that they got a letter from Rep. Lou Barletta and thought that it would push it over the hill, but they actually got denied sooner than in previous years. Chief O'Hearn stated that basically they are going to try and utilize the grants available and replace some of the gear and hopefully again apply for the Federal grant he said that the federal grant requires the purchase of a heavy duty washer and dryer which would be included in the grant and cost about \$25,000.00.

### **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT** (Kevin O'Hearn)

No Report

**BUILDING INSPECTORS REPORT** (TRI County COG)

Report attachment #4

**CODE/HEALTH ENFORCMENT OFFICERS REPORT** (Russ Moroz)

Report attachment #5

Russ Moroz states that technically because we do not have zoning officer we issue a building permit but it is more on what are a residential and a commercial property. He states that he issues one and if there is inspections that need to be done then he calls Tri-County Cog which then they in turn issue a permit which takes into account his fee based on sometimes distance from where he is from and the fees for inspections.

Russ Moroz stated that the controversy is that people are saying that he is issuing a building permit and he is issuing a building permit. Russ Moroz stated that he could actually re-word it as a pre-construction permit because in most cases you do not need an inspection depending on what work is being done.

He stated that everything that happens which goes through him he does the initial look at on what needs to be done and if he feels that there is no inspection needed because it is alright with UCC code then he could just issue everything and say it is good to go, otherwise he has to take that permit make another copy and it goes to Tri-County and most of the time the contractor goes right over to their office.

Mr. Varano added that they then have to pay the fees before the job is done. Russ Moroz replied yes he does, he has to lay out all of the plans and he looks at it first and then it would be Stephen Bielskie's second look on it. Russ Moroz stated that Tri-County would do the print review and say ok we are ready to go. Russ Moroz stated that the problem that someone had was that they thought they only had to buy one permit.

Mr. Lutz questioned if he has a sheet that you can give him and say read this, because you have to get this as well. Russ Moroz replied that he has a list that they can hand them but it would be Greek to them, the normal person would not understand it.

Mr. Lutz replied but it is a builder a contractor. Russ Moroz replied that in this situation it was a homeowner doing the work themselves. He added that the normal person doing the work does not understand it and questions why they have to pay for these inspections. Russ Moroz states that it is UCC and this is what it is by UCC Code. Mr. Lutz commented that it is the law. Mr. Varano stated that he just wanted to put that out into the public.

Russ Moroz stated that he can provide an update on the building and stated that right now it is still scheduled to be completed by November 1<sup>st</sup> and the interior is fully painted and a lot of the ducts for the heating and air conditioning has been run and they are currently

installing the ceiling grid. He added that next week the floor will be installed and the doors have all been painted.

Russ Moroz stated that by the second or third week in October they will hang the doors and put additional lighting in. Russ Moroz stated that the outside of the structure for the parking area we will have to talk about that a little later because we may need a variance on that on the handicap. He added that the interior should be completely completed by November 1<sup>st</sup> and ready for occupancy.

Mr. Lutz questioned about the ceiling grids issue with four or five sprinkler heads. Russ Moroz replied that has been resolved and is one of the change orders. Mr. Lutz questioned if that will cost extra. Russ Moroz states that it will cost a little extra and will talk about that later.

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

Mr. Goretski stated that he needs a resolution for the VFW to honor their anniversary. That would be resolution #726

**MOTION**- Mr. Goretski made the motion to honor the VFW with a resolution for their anniversary and was seconded by Mr. Lutz.

**VOICE VOTE** –

Unanimous

Mr. Goretski states that their was an emergency purchase where we had to weld the truck and the quote was \$820.00 but it could get a little higher if he runs into more if it is rotted or rusted, the truck is old but we have to get it done before it gets cold or we cant attach the spreader.

**MOTION**- Mr. Lutz made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Goretski to spend up to \$900.00 to have the 2003 Ford Dump Truck welded.

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

Mr. Goretski stated that we have an estimate for the removal of the drain pipe for \$2500.00. Mr. Varano commented that it serves no purpose.

**MOTION**- Mr. Lutz made a motion and was seconded by Mr. Goretski to spend up to \$2500.00 for the removal of the drain pipe.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**- DEITRICK (absent), LUTZ (yes), MALAKOSKI (absent), MOTYKA (absent), VARANO (yes), BURNS (yes), GORETSKI (yes)

4YEAS – 0 NAYS

Mr. Goretski states that we need six tires for the 2011 dump truck and four tires for the F250 Ford pick up truck.

**MOTION**- Mr. Lutz made the motion and was seconded to spend up to \$3000.00 for the purchase of tires for the 2011 dump truck and the 2002 F250 pick up truck.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**- DEITRICK (absent), LUTZ (yes), MALAKOSKI (absent), MOTYKA (absent), VARANO (yes), BURNS (yes), GORETSKI (yes)  
4YEAS – 0 NAYS

Mr. Goretski stated that a new grass trimmer is needed and an estimate was received for \$315.00 on that purchase.

**MOTION**- Mr. Lutz made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Goretski to spend \$315.00 and then changed the motion to \$350.00 for the purchase of a new grass trimmer.

Bruce Graff stated that the quoted price was \$315.00. Mr. Varano stated that if you should go up there and it would be over that amount, we will put a cap on it so that you don't have to come back. Mr. Lutz stated that we will be checking invoices to make sure you don't go over that amount.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**- DEITRICK (absent), LUTZ (yes), MALAKOSKI (absent), MOTYKA (absent), VARANO (yes), BURNS (yes), GORETSKI (yes)  
4YEAS – 0 NAYS

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

Mr. Varano stated that Mr. Motyka is not here this evening but that the finance committee had a meeting with Guyette Communication and stated that the meeting was with Karen Crofchick. Mr. Varano stated that the finance committee is recommending the NEC SV9100 Communication Server at a cost of \$5,353.00 for the phone system.

Mr. Varano stated that the service provider would still be through Service Electric and our monthly phone bill now is approximately \$190.00 per month and we will be eliminating a few lines so our monthly cost will be less.

Mr. Lutz questioned if that is the cloud based system. Mr. Varano replied it is not, we don't want the cloud based system because when the internet goes out then you have no phone. Mr. Lutz commented you get clouds.

Mr. Varano stated that the system can be purchased and paid off all at once or we could finance it for 36 months. Mr. Lutz stated that his notion would be that it would be remarkably expensive to finance it. Mr. Varano stated that we would want to purchase

the system outright. Mr. Lutz agreed. Rhonda Wilk stated that the price will be \$5213.53.

**MOTION**- Mr. Lutz made a motion and was seconded by Mr. Goretski to accept the recommendation of the finance committee to purchase the phone system through the Guyette Communication system to not exceed \$5300.00.

Mr. Niglio questioned if there was any discussion on service, if something goes down, if something happens where these emails are stored or something. Mr. Varano stated that it is five years on parts, software and one year labor. Mr. Varano stated that if we have to call in a person then service time is \$72.00 per hour without a contract. Rhonda Wilk stated that we have the warranty for 5 years and one year of labor. Mr. Niglio stated that we all know that we do stupid things and things break and asks if there is a service agreement something like we have on our copier, we talk about the budget but we can't budget something that is not there.

Mr. Varano replied that we get this as part of their contract with the purchase of the phones and stated that if we break it then all we do is buy a new phone, all you do is plug it in. Mr. Varano states if it breaks it's our fault, it's just the phones. Rhonda Wilk stated that the server will still be Service Electric and stated that Guyette Communication will provide training on the phones and make sure they are all set up and everyone knows how to operate the system and will come back if need be.

Mr. Lutz stated that Mr. Niglio has a point and stated that we should make an inquiry into that after the year. Mr. Varano stated that we could ask for a service contract after a year.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**- DEITRICK (absent), LUTZ (yes), MALAKOSKI (absent), MOTYKA (absent), VARANO (yes), BURNS (yes), GORETSKI (yes)  
4YEAS – 0 NAYS

**CODE/HEALTH/SAFETY** (George Malakoski)

No Report

**ORDINANCE COMMITTEE** (Walter Lutz)

Mr. Lutz stated that he is not sure where on the agenda this should go but asked Mrs. Wilk to place declining his salary under his committee and stated that he would like to decline taking his salary.

*\*\*TAPE MALFUNCTION\*\**

**MOTION**- Mr. Lutz made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Goretski for Mr. Lutz to decline taking his monthly salary.

**VOICE VOTE**-

Unanimous

**MOTION**- Mr. Lutz made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Goretski to appropriate the amount of his (Mr. Lutz) salary that was declined to the Fire Department.

**VOICE VOTE-**

Unanimous

Mr. Lutz stated that it should be considered to advertise to sell the Wilson Building.

Mr. Varano stated that he has talked with Ed Christiano from the Housing Authority and that the Geisinger is interested in purchasing the building. Mr. Goretski then stated that he is part of that committee on the Housing Authority and he would probably have more information by the next council meeting

**RECREATION** (Mark Burns)

No Report

**BUILDING COMMITTEE** (Stephen Motyka)

**MOTION**- Mr. Lutz made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Goretski to approve the application for payment, sign off and forward to the USDA to draw down payment to contractors in the amount of \$79970.34 and payment to the Kulpmont Borough in the amount of \$28,650.00

**ROLL CALL VOTE**- DEITRICK (absent), LUTZ (yes), MALAKOSKI (absent), MOTYKA (absent), VARANO (yes), BURNS (yes), GORETSKI (yes)  
4YEAS – 0 NAYS

A change order was received for removal of water heaters and new plumbing in the amount of \$3193.00.

**MOTION**- Mr. Goretski made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Burns to accept the change order of \$3193.00.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**- DEITRICK (absent), LUTZ (yes), MALAKOSKI (absent), MOTYKA (absent), VARANO (yes), BURNS (yes), GORETSKI (yes)  
4YEAS – 0 NAYS

A change order was received for relocation of sprinkler heads in the amount of \$1795.00.

**MOTION**- Mr. Lutz made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Goretski to accept the change order in the amount of \$1795.00 for the sprinklers.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**- DEITRICK (absent), LUTZ (yes), MALAKOSKI (absent), MOTYKA (absent), VARANO (yes), BURNS (yes), GORETSKI (yes)  
4YEAS – 0 NAYS

Change order was received for range hood and wiring for the Senior Citizens range in the amount of \$1311.62.

**MOTION**- Mr. Lutz made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Goretski to accept change order for the SAC range hood in the amount of \$1311.62.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**- DEITRICK (absent), LUTZ (yes), MALAKOSKI (absent), MOTYKA (absent), VARANO (yes), BURNS (yes), GORETSKI (yes)  
4YEAS – 0 NAYS

**MOTION**- Mr. Lutz made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Goretski to install photo eye at \$622.66 on outdoor lighting change order.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**- DEITRICK (absent), LUTZ (yes), MALAKOSKI (absent), MOTYKA (absent), VARANO (yes), BURNS (yes), GORETSKI (yes)  
4YEAS – 0 NAYS

Russ Moroz stated that the handicap accessibility parking will not work where it is on the blue prints and stated that we have to apply for a variance and that the application will cost \$100.00 to Labor and Industry.

**MOTION**- Mr. Goretski made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Lutz to apply and start the process for variance at \$100.00.

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

Russ Moroz stated that a change order was received as a credit to install VCT instead of carpet tile in the meeting room of \$1420.00.

Russ Moroz stated that we are waiting on two change orders for a door and additional signage.

Stephen Bielskie has yet to determine what we will need as far as emergency lighting and signage.

**SENIOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE** – *Personnel/Fire EMA Police/Grants*

Rhonda Wilk stated that the application for the 904 Municipal Recycling Program Performance Grant has been submitted.

## **OLD BUSINESS-**

Mr. Lutz questioned about the Twp. Police proposal being turned down unanimously at a meeting he did not attend and questioned Mr. Hollenbush not having an opportunity to speak and stated that figures could be lower due to family rates being quoted and would change dramatically. There was discussion between Mr. Varano and Mr. Lutz and Mr. Varano commented that they were negotiating with the Township Supervisors and not with Mr. Hollenbush and that based on insurance quotes as he understands both officers will marry within one to two years and the family plan quotes would then apply.

Some discussion took place concerning there not being a debate that a proposal was received and declined.

Mr. Lutz questioned the Mayor on the percentage of police protection some discussion took place.

Mr. Lutz questioned about the Ethnic Flags used during the celebration asking if a decision was made as if they will be left up or used or what will be done with them. After some discussion it was decided to take them down because they are very thin and not made to last.

Some discussion took place concerning the figure given for a pole building that Mr. Varano discussed at a prior meeting and the estimated price. Mr. Varano clarified that the price he quoted was a quote on a building that he had received and distributed among council. Additional discussion took place with Barry Fetterman on the size that would be needed for a new building and said to council that 72' x 100' or at least 72' x 75' and that 32' x 50' would not be big enough.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

None

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

## **OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

Mr. Joe Cesari presented an idea for banners that would honor local Hero's at no cost to the Borough. He stated that if the Borough approves he thought that applications for Banners and hardware could be submitted to the borough and paid to the borough and then the borough would purchase with no tax. The banners would be 24" x 4' long and heavy set hardware. Mr. Cesari distributed information to each council member. Mr. Varano thanked Mr. Cesari and then tabled for further discussion and will get back to him on this stating that the next meeting is in two weeks.

David Balick of 1143 Poplar Street informed council about an issue he is having with a neighboring property, which is a rental. He stated that there are 10 German Sheppard dogs in the home and its more less a puppy mill stating that the first litter was 9 puppies in February and then in July 9 puppies again and those 9 are still there at 14 weeks old. Mr. Balick had numerous complaints of smell from garbage and dog dirt. He expressed concern over the neighbor not having garbage cans and odor that comes right through to his home. He discussed with council a concern over an extension cord that is placed through a steel door. He stated that the garbage and smell is now bringing flying insects which are becoming a problem and asked council for some help with the issue. Council asked Mr. Balick to stay to meet in executive session with the Mayor, Council, Solicitor and Code Officer and it was agreed to meet at the end of the meeting.

Mr. Varano announced that at this time council will meet in executive session to discuss possible litigation matters.

**The Solicitor William C. Cole stated that the board met in executive session for approximately 10 minutes to discuss possible litigation.**

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

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RHONDA WILK  
BOROUGH SECRETARY

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DATE OF APPROVAL