

The Regular Monthly Meeting of Dupont Borough Council was called to order at 7:00pm on Tuesday evening, May 8, 2018 by President of Council Stan Knick.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

Mr. Knick- Present

Mr. Kaminski – Present

Mr. Karkut – Present

Mr. Kowalczyk – Present

Mrs. Hansen – Present

Mayor Lello – Present

MOTION TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 10, 2018 REGULAR MEETING AND PLACE ON FILE:
(Correction to Minutes: Jeff Kaminski Present, not Excused)

Motion: Mrs. Hansen

Second: Mr. Kowalczyk

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Knick, yes; Mr. Kowalczyk, yes; Mr. Kaminski, yes; Mrs. Hansen, yes; Mr. Karkut, yes.

Motion Carried 5/0.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CORRESPONDENCE PRESENTED. (List attached)

Motion: Mr. Kowalczyk

Second: Mr. Kaminski

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Knick, yes; Mr. Kowalczyk, yes; Mr. Kaminski, yes; Mrs. Hansen, yes; Mr. Karkut, yes.

Motion Carried 5/0. (Pina before vote checked correspondence for questions, none regarding correspondence.)

MOTION TO PAY THE BILLS PRESENTED. (List attached)

Motion: Mr. Kaminski

Second: Mr. Kowalczyk

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Knick, yes; Mr. Kowalczyk, yes; Mr. Kaminski, yes; Mrs. Hansen, yes; Mr. Karkut, yes.

Motion Carried 5/0.

MOTION TO APPOINT THE PART TIME POLICE OFFICERS FROM MAY 8, 2018 TO THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL WITH NO GUARANTEE OF WORK: Duane Saunders, Jennifer Polemitis, John Urbanski, Todd Houghtlin, Thomas Sheehan, Christopher Fargione, Arnulfo Rivera, Thomas Rushnak, Robert Avvisato. New Hire: Christopher Smith

Motion: Mr. Kaminski

Second: Mrs. Hansen

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Knick, yes; Mr. Kowalczyk, yes; Mr. Kaminski, yes; Mrs. Hansen, yes; Mr. Karkut, yes.

Motion Carried 5/0.

INTRODUCE MIKE FIORELLI, FIORELLI ASSOCIATES, TO PRESENT THE 2017 BOROUGH AUDIT

(The report is on file for public review).

Mr. Posly questioned Mr. Fiorelli on the audit.

Mr. Fiorelli read the statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance – general and special revenue funds for the year ended December 31, 2017. No tax increase or fee increase in 2017.

In the sewer fund, there was no grant received in 2017 from LLVSA.

MOTION TO ADOPT THE 2017 BOROUGH AUDIT AS PRESENTED.

Motion: Mrs. Hansen

Second: Mr. Karkut

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Knick, yes; Mr. Kowalczyk, yes; Mr. Kaminski, yes; Mrs. Hansen, yes; Mr. Karkut, yes.

Motion Carried 5/0.

INTRODUCE JIM HOOVER; PAWCO. RE: MAIN STREET WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Mr. Hoover provided Council, Mayor and Secretary with copies of projects for 2018 including water main replacement at Wood Street, Walnut between Holden and Everhart, and the major project which is Main Street from Ziegler to the RR crossing. Mr. Hoover provided all members with his business card and details on all three projects with questions and comments from members of Council, Mayor and Secretary. Jim explained the process in determining which streets need work. They pick the streets that have the most leaks or problems for the water company. These projects will be bid out within the next three weeks. Contractors will be awarded the job. Then the water company, contractor and borough will meet (Jim, contractor and Patty) to discuss the work, contact information. The major project Jim explained is the Main Street water main replacement project which has been going on over a year. Finally got the permit from Penn DOT. Jim attended meetings with Penn DOT regarding the water main in the road. It will be new 12" water main. Two existing water mains in their now, early 1900's, an eight and a six. Penn DOT will not allow it in the road. It has to be behind the sidewalk. (The plans are on file at the borough office).

Mr. Kowalczyk – Question: What is the reason for crossing over so many times. Response: Certain situations such as the new sidewalks at the VFW, so we decided to cross the road.

Patty – Question: What is the Timeline. Response: Just got the drawings this afternoon, got the permit last Thursday, put out for bid in two weeks which is the end of May, hoping to start after July 4th. Completion by November or sooner he hopes.

Mr. Knick – Question: Has the gas company talked to you? Response: Yes, the gas company is going in there first. They gave us their plans. They are doing the block in the middle and some side streets.

Mr. Kaminski – Question: Who will be the contractor? Problems with the last contractor. Response: Do not know who the contractor will be. Jim stated feel free to call him anytime. Question: What if that same contractor has the lowest bid? Response: The Borough can provide a letter to the Water Company which will go with the Bid pertaining to that particular contractor not working in the Borough.

Bob Naegele, Engineer – Question: Third party inspector. Response: Yes, Reilly Associates out of Pittston. Nine inspectors. They take care of footages, safety, compact trenches, spot compaction testing. He will be there the first two days, everyday to make sure they are compacting the right way. Hot patch every Wednesday, work Monday and Tuesday, not patch on Wednesday, work Thursday and Friday, hot patch Saturday. Another think is code red. Everyone of these people will get a letter in the mail that they are affected. Patty asked for copies. It will explain what is going to happen. After that they will get a phone call with a start date. The borough will get a phone call also. Patty noted residents on Lidy complained they were not called. Jim stated they will also get tags on the doors.

Jim added, that after the project is done, the meter department comes in to make sure the meters are updated, the remotes are outside. We don't send people to read the meters in the houses, we read by remote. There will be a code red for that. Patty asked if that is Kentrel.

Mr. Kaminski – Question: With the trench, do you wait sixty days before you do restorations. Response: Sometimes we wait thirty days. He expects in that thirty days the restoration behind the curbs to be done. Restoration to people's properties are most important. That is where most of the complaints come in. Once the permanent restoration is done, six inches of BCBC, one foot cutback, six inches deep and by that time it will be scheduled for paving within thirty days.

Question: Mr. Kaminski asked about Dupont getting millings. Response: Not a problem, just let us know where they should go. Full width mill and full width overlay.

Jim addressed our engineer regarding Atwell Drive, and Bob and Jeff addressed the curve which is Pittston Township. The township line is dirt road. Jim explained he can put a leveling course on the road which he will deal with Township on.

Mr. Kaminski talked to Jim about the roller used on Lidy Road and the issues with the contractor. Jim stated there are more projects coming out, he has 25,000 more feet of pipe, so if anything comes through for Dupont he will update the Borough. All three sections will be bid out the same time.

Council thanked Jim for his time and presentation at tonight's meeting. Jim offered his assistance anytime, just call.

REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report – Prepared by Albert B. Melone, Business Consultants

Balances as of 5-2-18

General Fund - \$ 116,321.09

Payroll Fund - \$ 6,246.78

Balances as of April 30, 2018

Refuse Fund - \$ 52,975.84

Sewer Maintenance Fund - \$ 441,651.15

Liquid Fuels - \$101,273.39

Police Pension Fund - \$ 918,159.14

Childrens' Fund - \$747.68

Town Clock - \$ 33,242.88

Centennial Fund - \$ 5,149.38

Special Fund - \$ 202,630.46

Balance of Loan for School - \$215,017.40

Tax Collector's Report:

Submitted by Joy Tetlak Adelstein for April 2018

Ck Received for \$86,835.76

Balance Collectable Beginning of month - \$127,763.72

Less Face Collections for the Month - \$88,596.61

Less Discounts - \$1,760.85

Balance Collectable End of Month - \$39,167.11

Police Report:

Chief Doran read the April 2018 statistical report as follows: Criminal Arrests-3; Traffic Citations Issued-58; Non-Traffic Citations Issued-2; Code Enforcement-25; Appearances in county court-8; Motor Vehicle Accidents-4; Assist EMS-9; Assist Fire Department-2; Assist Other Police Department-7; Alarms-5; Burglaries-1; Thefts-3; Vandalism-2; Domestic Reports-7; Suspicious Activity-5; DUI-1; Miscellaneous Calls-33; Vehicle Mileage: Explorer-8,503; Taurus-49,195; Crown Vic-123,098. Magistrate Fines - \$ 4,637.68.

Solicitor's Report – Erik reported on the status of the four pending lawsuits. All of them involving the police in the borough, the old police force, not the new one. We have not had any problems in the last three or four years since we switched over. One of them which we were exposed to the most has been thrown out by superior court and the appeal date has lapsed. Now there are three. Two of them are in front of superior court to dismiss. The last one is being handled by the law firm of John Dean and Erik has asked him to put something in writing to council to bring you up to date which also subject to dismiss. With a little luck by the end of this year there will be no more lawsuits. For the past sixteen years I have been here, there has not been a year without a lawsuit.

Engineer's Report – (1) Patty asked Bob to print out aerial shots which would be the area of the Turnpike Scranton Beltway project which he passed out to members. (2) The Flood Mitigation Grant is due by May 31. It is the same grant that we received for the creek channel. Speaking with Andy Orlosky from DEP it is a good idea to apply so that we can extend the current project. Patty noted she did not start that grant application yet, still working on the multimodal grant which is also due May 31st. Bob added that for the mill creek repairs we are underfunded for what needs to be done. We only received \$85,000. (4) Emails between Patty and our office for the PRP Pollutant Reduction Plan which is part of the MS4 program. It has been available for public review, there have been no questions or comments and therefore it is on the agenda this evening for approval. It is part of the obligation for the state. Any comments would be noted and given to DEP as part of the record. There are no questions or comments. (5) The main street sidewalk project by the railroad is opposite of the water company project which is good news because we will be spending grant money for that project and it won't be done and affected by the water main project. There are other cost estimates for grants we are working on for Patty. Bob also asked whether there is any update on the pump station. Patty stated Joe Ferraro was here yesterday in the garage checking on the parts that were delivered. He did not stop up to talk with her afterwards. Patty will reach out to Joe for an update. We need to get the cost for installation and whether it is within bidding. Bob added the other item is the concrete pad for the pump station which again falls under the bid thresholds.

Code Enforcement Report: As the Chief mentioned 25 citations for code enforcement were issued. Of the 25, nine people paid the refuse fee. Since last meeting, refuse collected \$1465.50; sewer - \$14,572.24; general - \$114,000 of which \$31,000 was transferred to payroll.

Question: Mr. Kaminski stated the nine that paid should not have paid here, but at the magistrate. Patty stated they paid at the magistrate, brought in the receipt and then was given the bags and sticker.

Secretary Report – Patty advised that the report is included in tonight's meeting packet and is pretty lengthy.

Open Records Report - There were three open records requests: (1) Holiday Inn Express zoning and fire code information requests along with site plans and occupancy certificate copy. I did forward that to zoning and fire department. (2) Quail Hill files and (3) Copy of the firework ordinance.

Crime Watch Report - Bob Price noted the monthly business meeting was productive, short meeting here at the building and then a tour of Medic 29 in Pittston, which are paramedic providers for the Borough. We toured the facility and equipment, what services they provide. The Crime Watch will be participated in the Memorial Day Parade. The next meeting is May 29th.

Progress Committee - Mr. Knick about the clock. Bob stated it is in production and he will send an email to see where it is at and we have to work on a site.

Vice President Report - Mr. Kowalczyk gave a report on the Turnpike Scranton Beltway Project noting that he, the Mayor, and Councilman Karkut attended the meeting along with Pittston Township officials, and the Turnpike officials, and Ronnie Ralston who is Mike Carrolls Chief of Staff. Basically there is no definite answers on what the plan is. They more or less painted a clear picture of what their goal is. Everyone that received a letter does not mean that their property is directly affected by this project in the next four to five years. What that letter is stating is that there is going to be teams of surveyors that may have to go on private property to survey properties, and come up with a definite engineering plan. There was a representative here from the engineering company hired by the Turnpike to develop this project.

Basically what both Township and Dupont officials were upset about is they want to make a direct access from 81 to the turnpike northbound which would go in between the suscon bridges where you cross over 81 and the turnpike to the new navy way road bridge. Southbound would be from the turnpike to 81. This is specific to help with traffic in the Scranton area. There was no plans in the works to give direct access for example from Armstrong Road to both 81 and the turnpike to help with traffic in town. There main argument was if there is traffic backup on 81, there is an accident, you are not going to have the backup in town that usually occurs now. Mark does not see that as a major issue. He does not feel the other officials here are as concerned about that. Potentially, and they don't have an answer to, taking properties and we are going to lose tax value in town, only to help the Scranton area. Mr. Kaminski commented it helps everybody on 81. It jams up here, sometimes it takes him an hour to go to Dunmore. It jams up here. Mark stated absolutely. It doesn't help from here south. Everything is going to bottleneck here. Mr. Kaminski stated southbound doesn't jam up like it does in this section. Mark and Stash said yes it does. Mark also brought up you have to realize they are talking about bypassing traffic through Scranton. That doesn't take out 380 and 84 from the mix. Nobody is going to bypass Scranton to go to Clarks Summit and then cut back to 380 and 84 to go to New York, Newark, new England states. I asked them them did anybody do a study to see how much traffic from Pittston to Binghamton and from Pittston gets on 380 and 84. Basically what it comes down to there was an article in the paper about the amount of traffic that travels from Pittston to Clarks Summit on Interstate 81 per day. It was 70,000 to 80,000 per day. The Turnpike registered 10,000 on average. What if the turnpike took 15,000 on average, times \$3.00 per car. How much are they making per day in excess of what they are making now. Mr. Kaminski stated he drove the turnpike everyday last year so as to not deal with 81 when working in Susquehanna County, he paid \$2.00. Mark added it is \$160 Million Dollar Project. That is what is allotted. The federal government promised \$40 Million and Penn DOT already promised to kick in money, but no amount given. So if the turnpike is saying it is \$80 million for this project, over the long term, the turnpike is going to make the money and we are going to pay the price for it. That is his concern. It was brought up and they didn't have answers. All our

argument was if you want to help us with traffic, give us direct access. Everything is building up on Mericle properties. There is more and more trucks everyday. It keeps adding. They are actually building parking lots for these tractor trailers. They are giving us no direct access to onto those highways from that area. We are not benefiting from it, but they don't know how many properties, it could be partial properties, entire properties, they don't have that answer. But if we are going to give up that tax base we are not getting any benefit from it. That is what we were upset about.

Mayor Lello added that it was asked why Penn DOT officials at the meeting. They stated this is the Turnpike Commission project. Mayor Lello asked if the bottom line is revenue for the Turnpike, and he basically said yes. Patty noted 44 properties received letters. Mark noted that not all 44 properties are not being bought out, those letters are for surveying purposes.

Mr. Knick commented that we lost properties and taxes when Navy Way was put in. Now if we lose more properties and taxes and it is not helping us out, why are we doing it. Mark stated if they prove eminent domain we do not have a choice. Eminent domain is supposed to benefit the area. It doesn't help us. If they say they will provide entrance ramps for Armstrong Road so you don't have to deal with traffic in your town, or trucks coming down the hill or whatever, or alleviate traffic on 315. Mark stated navy Way Road was put in and he did notice a decrease in traffic in the morning from the hub to the light in suscon. Recently it is backing up to where it was before. Mr. Kaminski said he doesn't feel Navy Way is taking that much traffic. Mark stated because everything is increasing building more and more. Mayor did not even realize the Mericle Development and all the growth. Mayor suggested they take a ride up there to see the situation and see the infrastructure they are building every month. Basically Mark said this project is going to go through sooner or later, but the point is to speak up now, help us out now while you are doing this project, \$160 million dollar project. The roundabouts and Navy Way road was \$42 million and increased over time. This is three to four times that project just to make ramps from 81 to the turnpike and visa versa. That is what they are doing. In this area the turnpike is 30 to 40 feet higher than 81 where they want to do the project. So they have to cross over from 81. General government does not want them to make an entrance ramp into the left lane. So what they have to do going northbound on 81 is create a ramp, cross over the turnpike, probably in the area of the compost site, and come back into the turnpike on the right side. Same thing on the turnpike south. You now have to drop down 30 feet in elevation but cross over and make an entrance ramp which is somewhere in the area of Dupont Tool, somewhere in that location. I don't know how they are going to do it, or they don't know how they are going to do it but those are the obstacles.

Question: Mr. Posly asked about eminent domain. This is the turnpike. Do they have that right. Mark stated, yes because of 81. It is an interstate highway. They are going to say they are decreasing traffic congetion. Mr. Posly stated it is a highway for profit. Mark stated it is but it is also an interstate and received federal funding. It is interstate 476. Mr. Posly asked about eliminating the traffic between Wilkes-Barre and Scranton there were talks about a third lane. Mark stated that is not even on the drawing board. They told us that at the meeting as well. They said they are putting in the bridges in wider just in case but that is not even in the talks yet. They are figuring that at \$1.3 billion. Mark stated that might not happen in his lifetime, that is the way they were talking. That could be a scare issue too because they want this project. Mr. Karkut noted the challenges with the natural creeks and the power lines. Mr. Knick stated there are wetlands there. Mark noted 44 properties in Dupont received letters, but there is also a number of properties in Township as well. Both township officials and Dupont officials were not pleased with what they had to say. It seemed they were trying to break the ice with us. They also took a lot of notes Mark noticed. Every time something was brought up they were taking notes. Mr. Posly asked about the area by Maui Cup, a lot of property there that won't

affect houses. Mark stated it separates up there. 81 goes farther north to the left toward the airport and Maui Cup the turnpike is to the right of the airport going northbound. Mark stated it may be an option. I am sure they are going to look at costs ahead of everything. Another thing is they want to build these ramps so that they increase to a 70mph speed limit to match with the turnpike. They want these ramps to be that smooth of a transition so that you don't have to slow down. Some of the ramps you slow down to 25mph or 30mph. They want them to remain or increase to 70mph. If you go over Suscon bridges and look to your left, I don't know how that is possible. I don't know what type of engineering has to be done. But if you look between those two bridges, you can see Navy Way Road bridge from the Suscon bridges and it is not that large of an area. He would think the whole turnpike would have to be moved to increase the median so 81 can start the northbound ramp within the median. He is not an engineer. Basically the report is no one's properties are being taken at this time. They are just trying to paint a picture of their plans. There is going to be a lot of questions after the surveys are done and they come up with a concrete plan. And no the cemetery will not be affected. That is another issue. There is something with federal guidelines with federal money there are rules in place they cannot touch a cemetery.

Council President's Report -

Mr. Knick read the DPW Report: Trash to landfill – 52.43 tons; Recycling - 25.58 tons. Mileage: Recycler – 16,435; F550 – 15, 555; Packer – 52,110. No mileage for mack or C3500. Recycler needs tires and inspection. It is due for oil change and maintenance. Peterbilt is no longer certified. We are looking into Kenworth or Cummings in Tunkhannock. Other repairs, F550 needs battery, C3500 – headlight and Packer, mudflaps. Also the packer needs tires.

Stash announced the following: (1) Compost available behind the borough building and at the facility (2) Electronic recycling June 7th behind the borough building (3) Shredding June 7th in front of borough building (4) Railroad crossing closure planned for last week was postponed and should be tomorrow May 9th (5) Election Day Tuesday May 15th, borough office closed (6) May 19th, DYBO has a chicken bbq tickets are \$10.00 and available at the borough office.

Compost Facility – Volvo tires fixed, 17 holes. Highway equipment is scheduled to do maintenance on the Volvo. Stephensen will be here next week to replace teeth on the grinder and the facility will be operational next week. The Little League fence was damaged by the recent wind storm. DYBO did get a price for a temporary fix for a few poles. Stash looked at the damaged area and obtained another price for a permanent fix. We are waiting to hear back from the insurance company on the damages and the claim and we then will decide what to do. We would rather fix it right than temporary and have problems down the road.

Mr. Knick noted the monthly Compost Commission meeting was held and Duryea and Jenkins were not in attendance. They were advised of problems with the facility. A letter was written to each town. Some Council are not happy with the way things are going Stash told the group. Pittston City stated they have property and if Dupont Council is not happy they would be willing to take the equipment to Pittston. Stash cannot see it going to Pittston. We will have to haul down there, the guys are not getting done now. If we dump up there DEP will be called. Mr. Kaminski and Mr. Knick got into a heated discussion about the equipment being Duponts. Mr. Knick stated it is the seven communities equipment. Mr. Kaminski questioned the grant being in Dupont's name. Mr. Knick stated the grant was applied by Dupont but for all seven communities. Mr. Kaminski stated it has been run wrong. Mr. Knick stated he has no problems if Dupont doesn't want it that is fine. What does this make Dupont look like. We backed out of regionalization. Every time we have to work with another town we have a

problem. Mr. Kaminski again stated the way it was run there it is a mess. It runs for two months, then teeth have to be changed, it was broke down. Last year the same thing, it broke down, teeth had to be changed, it had to be shipped out. Mr. Knick stated the teeth no matter who runs it has to be replaced and we got a grant to replace the teeth now. Mr. Kaminski stated we have been paying every year and you said it would not cost Dupont a dime. Mr. Knick stated he did say it would cost bear minimum and you were not here when it started. Mr. Kaminski stated he was here since the beginning and was against it from the beginning. Mr. Knick stated he told everybody it was not to make money it was to save money. Jeff said thank God for Mericle. Stan agreed. Stan asked if we will run it to Scranton, we are encroaching on property, there is power lines, gas lines, creeks, wetlands. What area we going to do with all this yard waste. Mr. Kaminski stated before the compost facility we had a lot of room. Patty stated Pittston said they would take it to their board to see if they agree to this. Stan ended with if Council wants to pull out, we can pull out he is just letting everyone know what is going on.

Mrs. Hansen asked that before the motion and vote she would like verification on the Project Assignments List. Her name was put on the building remodeling project and she asked what that entails because unless the meetings are after 4 pm Monday through Friday, there is no way she can do anything. Stan stated there is a motion on that. Patty stated it was just a suggestion she had because with so many projects going on she felt it best that each council member take a project and report back at meetings or oversee the projects. Mrs. Hansen won't be able to take a report, present a report. She is asking about it and Patty said since you dealt with Lou from BMC for all the quotes and Pina said she did. Patty said you can set your own time follow up with emails and oversee the project. Pina is not available Monday through Friday 8 to 4. Patty stated we don't have to do it this way she can take on all this work but is overwhelmed the way it is and thought if council handles it it would help her. Stan said we all have to start chipping in here. Patty feels it is good to be hands on and give reports at the meeting. Patty also said we can also switch projects around if someone wants to change the list. It was just an idea. Mrs. Hansen just wanted to give heads up before it is presented that there may be a conflict for her to be there or attend meetings Monday through Friday 8 to 4. Stan said you may have to answer a question here or there. Mrs. Hansen just wanted to tell you up front then come to a meeting and be asked to give a report on something she wasn't attending because she couldn't. That's all.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE REPORTS PRESENTED.

Motion: Mr. Kowalczyk

Second: Mr. Karkut

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Knick, yes; Mr. Kowalczyk, yes; Mr. Kaminski, yes; Mrs. Hansen, yes; Mr. Karkut, yes.

Motion Carried 5/0.

MOTION TO AMEND THE OPTION AGREEMENT WITH LUZERNE COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY FROM THREE YEARS TO FOUR YEARS, EXPIRING JANUARY 19, 2020 FOR SENIOR HOUSING PROJECT (Note: Original Proposal Presented to Council was for five years, expiring January 19, 2021.

Prior to this motion, Mr. Kaminski had an idea to see since the ballfield fence is bad, the lights are bad, the park is small, why don't we see if the Luzerne County Housing would take over where the little league field is and we move the little league field where Ben Franklin is along with everything, the park and everything. Mr. Kaminski added the bus stop is right here on the corner for the people. Mr. Knick stated he will bring it up to them but he doesn't think they will go for it because (1) housing wanted that property for not one building, but possibly two buildings (2) it will cost the Borough money for a field, park and (3) we are going back on our word that we were using the turnpike bridge money for street paving once the building was sold. It sounds like a good idea but where will the Borough get all this

money to redo that and pave the streets like the citizens were told. Mr. Karkut commented that he was at the meeting and they are on their third year. It expires in January 2019. There is no guarantee they will get it in two years. Mr. Knick stated that was brought up at the meeting and Mike Carroll said it looks good for the next round. Mrs. Hansen stated she did ask Mike Carroll why Pittston City got it and not Dupont. Mike Carroll stated it was Pittston City's third year, it is only Dupont's second year because it got delayed and because it was only processed for two not three years which put us behind. Mrs. Hansen continued understanding what Mr. Kaminski and Mr. Karkut is bringing up but however, if we close that down, and we have to wait for grant to rebuild baseball and park, now we will not have baseball or park. If Luzerne County takes it over and transfers the property, all that gets knocked down, they are going to build their high rise there. Mr. Kaminski stated we would have to put in a stipulation they have to wait. If this site was so good to them, they would be building up here rather than that small site in Pittston which is small only for one building. Pittston already has housing. Mr. Knick stated these people are not dealing with Pittston. Mr. Kaminski added they are putting a high rise on a smaller lot in Pittston rather than over here. If this is so good why didn't they make Pittston wait. Mrs. Hansen said Mark has a good idea - **Mr. Kowalczyk makes the motion to extend it to four years (one additional year) instead of five years.** If it looks so promising to the State, give them one additional year. Mr. Karkut suggested to look at the feasibility to see if they can put the housing here at the little league field. Mr. Kowalczyk asked where are we going to find the money to put a park and baseball field up. Mr. Knick added where are we going to get money to tear down the school, put up baseball field, concession stand. Mr. Kaminski stated gaming money like Pittston City does every year. Mr. Kowalczyk said he understands that but we have a lot of other stuff to do with gaming money. Mr. Kaminski asked Mr. Karkut about the county money for community development for recreation. Mr. Knick and Mrs. Hansen talked about the match 50/50 now before it wasn't that much. Mark again repeated the motion to give them a one year extension, change it from three years to four years, instead of the motion on the papers to give them five years because our concentration needs to be on road paving and we need that money to go into paving projects for the town and we cannot wait another two years before this project goes through. Mrs. Hansen stated she understands their application is ready to go to be submitted in September. We saw the binder. They are ready to go. If it goes in September we will know by April and they will be ready to start in October. She doesn't feel it will hurt to give them one more year because if it takes three shots that is our time. Mr. Karkut stated they have until January 2019. Mr. Knick stated it won't be awarded til April, not before January. They need the extra time. Mr. Kaminski commented that they didn't even tell us it wasn't awarded, he seen it on line and called Patty and she called them. It wasn't that important for them to tell us. Now all of a sudden it is. They probably got a letter earlier. The motion on the floor and Mr. Knick called for a second. **Mr. Kowalczyk motion.** Mrs. Hansen seconded because lets give it a chance if we don't get it we are done with them.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Knick, yes; Mr. Kowalczyk, yes; Mr. Kaminski, no; Mrs. Hansen, yes; Mr. Karkut, no. Motion Carried 3/2.

**MOTION TO PAY FROM GENERAL FUND TAX REVENUE TO SEWER MAINTENANCE FUND \$15,000
TOWARD BALANCE OF TAN NOTE (Remaining Balance \$15,000)**

Motion: Mr. Kowalczyk

Second: Mrs. Hansen

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Knick, yes; Mr. Kowalczyk, yes; Mr. Kaminski, yes; Mrs. Hansen, yes; Mr. Karkut, yes.

Motion Carried 5/0.

Patty stated that we have a lot going on tonight and there is a lot of discussion this evening and she apologizes.

MOTION TO SUBMIT THE 2018 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION FOR THE FOLLOWING PAVING WITH BOROUGH ENGINEER PROVIDING COST ESTIMATES/SCOPE OF WORK

Mr. Kowalczyk made the motion for First and Front since the gas lines are completed and the streets area not going to be disturbed in the near future which was our plan from the beginning. Mr. Kaminski added Florence Street, it is down to dirt. He understands the gas lines are coming in for 2019 but it needs base repair or something has to be done. Hemlock and Ash can wait until after the gas lines. First and Front needs the laterals or hookups. The mains are all in. Patty stated two properties in that area have not responded for hookups yet. Mrs. Hansen asked if there are any other areas or complaints that came in. Patty stated we did have plans for streets, but that changed not that the gas lines are coming in. MOTION FOR FIRST, FRONT, FLORENCE.

Motion: Mr. Kowalczyk

Second: Mr. Karkut

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Knick, yes; Mr. Kowalczyk, yes; Mr. Kaminski, yes; Mrs. Hansen, yes; Mr. Karkut, yes.
Motion Carried 5/0.

MOTION TO PAY \$1491.50 TO FRANKLIN BRONZE PLAQUES FOR ½ DOWN PAYMENT (use debit card centennial fund, transfer from clock fund back to centennial)

Motion: Mr. Kowalczyk

Second: Mr. Kaminski

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Knick, yes; Mr. Kowalczyk, yes; Mr. Kaminski, yes; Mrs. Hansen, yes; Mr. Karkut, yes.
Motion Carried 5/0.

MOTION TO REIMBURSE CHILDRENS FUND FROM GENERAL FUND FOR EXPENSES \$208.15 PER LIST ATTACHED

Motion: Mrs. Hansen

Second: Mr. Kowalczyk

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Knick, yes; Mr. Kowalczyk, yes; Mr. Kaminski, yes; Mrs. Hansen, yes; Mr. Karkut, yes.
Motion Carried 5/0.

MOTION TO APPROVE BALCHUNE FOR MAIN STREET SIDEWALK PROJECT

Motion: Mr. Kowalczyk

Second: Mrs. Hansen

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Knick, yes; Mr. Kowalczyk, yes; Mr. Kaminski, yes; Mrs. Hansen, yes; Mr. Karkut, yes.
Motion Carried 5/0.

MOTION APPROVING SLOW CHILDREN AT PLAY SIGN MCLEAN STREET 300 BLOCK

Motion: Mr. Karkut

Second: Mr. Kowalczyk

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Knick, yes; Mr. Kowalczyk, yes; Mr. Kaminski, yes; Mrs. Hansen, yes; Mr. Karkut, yes.
Motion Carried 5/0.

MOTION APPROVING REQUEST FOR HANDICAP SIGN IN FRONT OF 314 MCLEAN STREET

Motion: Mrs. Hansen

Second: Mr. Kowalczyk

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Knick, yes; Mr. Kowalczyk, yes; Mr. Kaminski, yes; Mrs. Hansen, yes; Mr. Karkut, yes.

Motion Carried 5/0.

The next motion was regarding the damaged fence at the little league field. We will put money towards the fence but are waiting to hear back from the insurance company. The guys are doing a great job over there and if we can help them out we will. Mark said that is fine, but is this going to be delayed. How are we going to make a decision on this because it will be a safety issue. Mr. Knick stated the insurance company should get back to us tomorrow. Mr. Knick will call everyone or have a quick meeting.

The next motion is about the project assignments. We will hold off on that. Everyone review it and let Patty know what you can or cannot do and we will bring it up next month.

MOTION APPROVING SEASONAL HELP: Ernie Hubert beginning May 7th to October 2018 for 16 hours a week or as needed. Mr. Kaminski asked if he has a drivers license. Patty stated no, he will be a laborer. Mrs. Hansen asked about the Second Person. Patty stated the second application is a student and he won't be out of school until June. Mr. Kaminski noted the age requirement for using equipment.

Motion: Mrs. Hansen

Second: Mr. Kowalczyk

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Knick, yes; Mr. Kowalczyk, yes; Mr. Kaminski, yes; Mrs. Hansen, yes; Mr. Karkut, yes.

Motion Carried 5/0.

MOTION APPROVING PURCHASE OF 504 22-GALLON RECYCLING CONTAINERS FROM ORBIS FOR A

TOTAL OF \$4208.00. Mrs. Hansen asked about the grant submitted for 32 gallon containers. Mr. Kaminski stated that is for next year. Patty noted so many people are coming in for containers and we have none. The 32 gallon is for 1280 containers, one for each household. These would be for those needing containers now, or spare ones. Mrs. Hansen asked the total cost.

Motion: Mr. Kowalczyk

Second: Mr. Kaminski

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Knick, yes; Mr. Kowalczyk, yes; Mr. Kaminski, yes; Mrs. Hansen, yes; Mr. Karkut, yes.

Motion Carried 5/0.

At this time Mr. Kaminski brought up looking into private hauler for refuse and recycling collection. We have advertised for workers and no one applied. Mr. Knick agreed, but we still have to look for a plow driver for this year. Patty stated the want ads cost 500-600 dollars each and one or two applications came in. Mayor stated cdl drivers its hard to find. It was suggested to approach a temp agency One Source, or others for information. Mr. Kowalczyk commented on signs and ads for sign on bonuses for cdl drivers. Discussion and comments on other work, potholes, garbage picked up on Monday, yard waste, grass cutting.

MOTION APPROVING THE MS4 POLLUTANT REDUCTION PLAN (PRP)

Motion: Mr. Kaminski

Second: Mr. Karkut

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Knick, yes; Mr. Kowalczyk, yes; Mr. Kaminski, yes; Mrs. Hansen, yes; Mr. Karkut, yes.

Motion Carried 5/0.

Mr. Knick talked about the price quotes for uniforms and eye wash stations for the dpw employees. There was a discussion on both these items with the following comments. Mr. Knick mentioned before they did not like the button down shirts in the past but these are reflective shirts. We are looking at insurance quotes and by providing safety uniforms and safety equipment for the department this could be a plus. The eye wash is \$289 one time price. The uniforms are \$10.91 a week for each employee. The service on the eye wash is \$80.00 a quarter and we have to look into whether that has to be done if it wasn't used. Mrs. Hansen asked who is paying for this and Mr. Knick stated the borough. Mr. Kaminski issue with it was if the uniforms are not turned in it gets expensive. Mr. Knick stated if not returned it would come out of their pay. Mr. Kaminski stated they just wear jeans, and for the shirts we can go to mad tees and buy them a bunch of shirts. Mr. Knick asked about the reflective stripes. Mr. Kowalczyk asked why the eye wash station is being considered for commerce road when most of the work is down here. Why would they drive up there if they get something in their eye down here, and have to drive up the roundabouts to get there. For safety issues, Mrs. Hansen suggested one down here for the police and one for the public works department. Mr. Knick said once the building is remodeled we can do that and also the dpw should mainly work out of Commerce Road. The time clock should be up there and everything from this garage up there. Mrs. Hansen said talk to the wall. Mr. Knick said we all have to get together on this. Patty stated once the building is redone, they can't come in here with the mud. Mr. Kaminski asked if we give them a clothing allowance now. Patty stated we do give them \$100 in the winter for work boots. Mr. Kaminski said maybe we should increase it to \$200. Mr. Kaminski stated if you want to look at it from an insurance point of view they should have vests, safety glasses etc. Patty stated if we provide them there is no reason. Mrs. Hansen brought up the cost. Mr. Kowalczyk brought up the safety green. Mr. Kaminski stated they should have orange also on the shirts cause the green blends in.

Matters from Residents:

George Jendrey, Wyoming Avenue - (1) Gas Lines. Patty advised George there is an updated list on the wall. (2) Building Permits - Can Council at the next meeting or have a work session to discuss the fees for roof permits. Mr. Knick stated he is not sure we can do that. We are shorthanded the way it is. More and more is being dumped on Patty and she is here more than she should be. Mr. Kaminski suggested hiring a code enforcement officer, someone retired, for twenty hours a week. He also suggested along with Mrs. Hansen that it be someone from out of town that would be better. Mrs. Hansen said it should be someone who does not know the residents, it makes it a lot easier to do your job. Mr. Knick agreed.

John Lizak, Gill Street - (1) Code Enforcement, Grass High at Neighboring Property. Mr. Lizak asked if Patty is the code enforcement officer. Mr. Knick stated we do have to find someone. But for now, you can contact Patty. Mr. Lizak stated the issue needs to be addressed now. (2) Walnut Street saw cut area should be sealed. Mr. Kaminski stated they were supposed to tar it. He drove around and took pictures. As long as it is sealed with tar it will be ok. They also missed the curb by your house. The contractor was supposed to come back and seal it.

MOTION TO ADVERTISE FOR CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Motion: Mr. Kaminski

Second: Mrs. Hansen

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Knick, yes; Mr. Kowalczyk, yes; Mr. Kaminski, yes; Mrs. Hansen, yes; Mr. Karkut, yes.

Motion Carried 5/0.

Matters from Mayor and Council:

Mayor Lello – (1) Wished Stan quick recovery from recent surgery (2) Veterans Banners will not be up for Memorial Day waiting on the rest of the equipment to put them up. (3) Fence Damage at Park and Caution Tape used to close park taken down by those using the park. Mayor suggested closing the park so no one gets hurt. If there is another storm and that fence or poles go the other way and someone is in the park it will be an issue. It is a safety issue and Council discussed removing the damaged fence and possible putting up fence panels to secure the area. Mr. Knick will reach out to the Fence Company for a donation or rental fee until permanent fence is installed. It would be six foot panels to keep kids from running into the field. (4) Crown Vic is out of service and provided information on a used vehicle for \$10,000 (5) 1033 Program – Chief Doran has registered for this program which provides surplus not only vehicles, but office furniture, filing cabinets, etc.

Mrs. Hansen – (1) Safety – Suggested cameras at the back door for the police department. Mrs. Hansen stated we are the only police department in the area that does not have a camera at the back door. Just because of everything that is happening lately with police officers getting shot and killed, crazy people walking around with guns, she feels it is the best investment, help the police, and maybe he doesn't want one, but it would help with the back of the building. Mr. Knick stated as part of the building remodeling project we can look into it. Mr. Knick agreed for cameras around the building. Mr. Kaminski suggested a safe place, perhaps two parking spots out back by the police station, under camera for picking up merchandise, like buying off Craigs List rather than meeting at Kmart or somewhere. (2) Building Remodeling – suggested windows be bullet proof. She is suggesting this referring to trying to get into the Avoca police station.

Mr. Kowalczyk – Nothing at this time.

Mr. Kaminski – Asked Chief Doran to have the officers patrol the park at night. He has seen kids on the roof of the concession stand.

Chief Doran – (1) New Officers and their experience. Officer Smith has been a Philadelphia officer for years. He has relocated to this area. (2) Spoke about new forms ordered for Building Check forms where officers will go to the businesses and make sure they are secured. Mr. Kaminski talked more about the incident with kids at the park and that he stopped by to report it but the officers were out of the building at the time.

Mr. Karkut – Nothing at this time.

Mr. Knick – Nothing at this time.

MOTION TO ADJOURN.

Motion: Mrs. Hansen; Second: Mr. Karkut Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia McDonald
Secretary

Adopted and Approved

Stan Knick, Jr.
Council President