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it Hill Borough Council
12, 7:00 p.m., Borough Hall

Hill Borough Council was held at the above place and time with

Roll Call –Michael Alabovitz, William O’Gurek, Jesse Walck, William Chapman, Francis O’Gorman, Solicitor Michael Greek and Mayor Paul McArdle were all in attendance.

Minutes – **Motion was made by William Chapman, second by William O’Gurek to approve the minutes from the June 11, 2012 Council meeting;** motion was opened to the floor for comments; none made; Motion approved.

Floor –

- 1) **Carson Helfrich – Middle Carbon County Planning Committee** – Carson stated to Council Members that the Carbon County Planning Committee is in the final stages of the Comprehensive Plan and Transportation Plan of Open Space and Recreation Plan; At this time, the local municipalities Planning code requires a forty-five (45) day comment period for the County Planning Commission and all boroughs, council members, school districts and planning commissions are welcome to submit any comments during this time. After the comment period is over, then each municipality planning commissions will reviews all comments submitted then will hold a public hearing. Carson asked the Borough Council Members to review the plan and submit any comments during the review period. The Borough Council Members stated they will review the plan and submit their comments.

Mayor’s Report – **No Report for June 2012**

Police Report – There was no police report for June 2012; William Chapman discussed an ongoing problem within the borough with bicycles, motorized scooters and ATV’s riding on the streets; he stated that they have been in the streets in the way of vehicles; he stated that an ATV went right up Amidon St. and asked council to have the police to look into the matter.

Code Enforcement Report – Council received a copy of the Code Enforcement report for June 2012.

Motion was made by Michael Alabovitz, second by Francis O’Gorman to accept the Code Enforcement Report for June 2012; motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made; Motion approved.

Planning and Zoning Report – Council received a copy of the Planning/Zoning report for June 2012.

Motion was made by Jesse Walck, second by William Chapman to accept the Planning/Zoning Report for the month of May 2012. The motion was opened to the floor for comments; John Peters stated there is a dead trees and debris on Lehigh Street and needs to be cleaned up; He also stated the reflected mirror on Chestnut Street is not a very good idea for driver’s to use to see oncoming cars; it was stated that in the Comprehensive plan, there could be a traffic light in that location; No other comments were made; Motion approved.

Work Leader Report – Council received a copy of the Work Leader Report for the month of June 2012.

Motion was made by Jesse Walck, second by William O’Gurek to accept the Work Leader Report for the month of June 2012; motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made; Motion approved.

Tax Collector Report --Borough Secretary, Susan Gibiser read the Tax Collector’s Report for the month of June 2012; Alice Kane submitted total taxes as \$19,977.94; with a commission of \$998.90; **Motion was made by William O’Gurek, second by Jesse Walck to accept the Tax Collector Report for June 2012;** motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made; Motion approved.

Wage Tax Report –Borough Secretary, Susan Gibiser, read the Wage Tax Report for the month of June 2012; Total submitted for EIT taxes from Berkheimer was \$6,619.31 with a commission of \$134.13; Total submitted for LST taxes from Berkheimer was \$175.00, with a commission of \$3.06; Total submitted for EIT from Centax was \$6,430.22 with a commission of \$45.63. **Motion was made by William Chapman, second by William O’Gurek to accept the Wage Tax Report for June 2012;** motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made; Motion approved.

ser, reported the General Account receipts for June 2012 were \$2,789.00. **Motion was made by Michael Alabovitz, second June 2012;** motion was opened to the floor for comment; none

cleaned all the trees and branches up in the park and the roads are still being cleaned up; John also stated the Christmas tree in Ludlow Park was torn down by the recent storm so the borough will need to find another tree to decorate for the holidays.

Building – No Comments at this time

Fire and Emergency Services---No comments at this time

Recreation---Monica stated the basketball courts are done except for the painting of the lines which will be done very soon; the swings at Ginther Park have been replaced with new swings and the old swings were put at other parks; the roof at Ginther park has been replaced and is all done; Monica asked if the Workforce crew could re-dig the hole for the titter tot ride so it can be put back up; The special Olympics event will be held on July 22nd, registration will be at noon, starts at 1:00pm, there will be five (5) events; the Children's Picnic will be held on August 24th; the Fire Company will be holding a Golf Tournament on August 4th and the Recreation Committee will have refreshments after the tournament.

Motion was made by William O'Gurek, second by William Chapman to accept the Committee reports for June 2012; motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made; Motion approved.

Communications

- 1) Received a letter from Ms. Mary Jo Penberthí ..requesting the use of Ginther Park on Sunday, July 8, 2012 from 8:00PM to 9:00PMí í .to hold a Benefit of ò Luminary Lightsö for the Wentz and Richie Family.
- 2) St. John's Lutheran Church óin-the-Heights, 319 South Ave., Jim Thorpe, PAí ..send a letter date June 26, 2012í í í Will be sponsoring the 42nd annual Switchback Scamper foot race/walk which will be held on Sunday, October 21, 2012 beginning at 2:00PM at St. Joseph's Church. Requesting a police escort and safety measures for the runners through the borough.

Motion was made by William Chapman, second by Francis O'Gorman to have the SH Police dept. assist with the Switchback Scamper race on Sunday, October 21st; motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made; Motion approved.

- 3) Letter from Summit Hill Water Authorityí ..requesting assistance with the cost of the flush Tank Project; which began in March 2012 and has recently completed.

Motion was made by William Chapman, second by William O'Gurek to assist the SH Water Authority with the cost of the Flush Tank Project; the Borough will give \$3,000.00; motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made; Motion approved.

- 4) Annual Report of Municipal Authorities 2011 from the Summit Hill Water Authority
- 5) Letter of Recognition from the Pennsylvania State Police for the Summit Hill Police Dept.
- 6) Letters of Interest from Shireen Parsons about Borough's Ordinances for Property Maintenances
- 7) Notice of Property Assessment and Revision of Taxes

Increase of Occupationí ..7

Decrease of Occupationí .7

Motion was made by Michael Alabovitz, second by William Chapman to accept communications for the month of June 2012; motion was opened to the floor for comments; none made; motion approved.

Bills –Borough Secretary, Susan Gibiser, read the expenses for the General Account for June 2012 were \$59,384.03; total expenses for Sanitation Account were \$22,973.18 for June 2012; **Motion was made by Michael Alabovitz, second by William Chapman to pay all bills for the month of June 2012;** motion was opened to the floor for comments; none made; Motion approved.

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received quotes from Lowe's for two (2) lawn mowers; Borough Council needs to review the budget; send all the information to Council then purchase the lawn mower, if the Borough does not have the funds, then don't purchase the lawn mower; all Council Members agreed. **A motion made by Michael Alabovitz, second by William Chapman to purchase the Husqvarna Lawn Mower from Lowe's at a cost of \$219.00 as long as funds are budgeted and available; motion was opened to the floor for comments; none made; Motion approved.**

New Business

1) Quarterly Garbage Exemptions; Garbage Issue & Complaints

There were five (5) applications submitted for garbage exemption:

- A) Hope of Christ Presb Church: 38 West White Street í í Demolished Building--**Approved**
A motion was made by William O'Gurek; second by William Chapman approved Garbage exemption for Hope of Christ Presb. Church for 38 W. White Street.
- B) Hope of Christ Presb Church: 42 W. White Stí í No One living in back home--**Approved**
A motion was made by William O'Gurek; second by William Chapman approved Garbage exemption for Hope of Christ Presb. Church for 42 W. White Street.
- C) Michael & Karen Pernoí í .324 E. Ludlow Stí í .Home converted into one homeô **Not Approved**
Council Members stated proved of the home converted into one (1) home needs to be provided along with application; Tabled at this time.
- D) Kevin & Ann Hobení .237 Laurel Driveí í Vacant home, For Sale--**Approved**
A motion was made by William Chapman; second by William O'Gurek approved Garbage exemption for Kevin & Ann Hoben at 237 Laurel Drive.
- E) White Bear Builders, Incí .83 W. White Bear Driveí í Vacant Home--**Not Approved**
Council Members asked the Borough Secretary to inquiry if there were any back taxes owed on the property; tabled at this time.
- F) Charles J. Bottí ..3 E. Ludlow Stí .Apartments #3 & #5 are Vacantô **Not approved**
Council Members stated the length of vacancy was not adequate with the garbage ordinance, which states is must be vacant for at least six (6) months; apartments are only vacant for 2 months; may apply after the vacancy period of six (6) months; which would be October.

Borough Secretary, Susan Gibiser stated there have been many complaints from borough residents that put their garbage in an alley and it's not being picked up; Susan has called Tamaqua Transfer with these complaints and they have stated the drivers can not get down the alleys because of vehicles parked there and the truck won't fit. Council Members stated they will need to review the garbage ordinance pertaining to alleys and locations of picking up garbage.

2) Discussion / Motion for New Phone & Internet Services with Verizon

Susan Gibiser, Borough Secretary has been in contact with Verizon and received a proposal for phone and internet services. The Borough is currently paying \$344.00 a month for phone and internet; the Borough garage phone has been disconnected since it is not being used by the borough workers. Verizon has quoted \$177.99 a month for the Borough office and Police department lines.

A motion was made by William Chapman, second by Jesse Walck to proceed with switching the phone/internet services to Verizon; motion was opened to the floor for comments; none made; Motion approved.



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Kosalko—Workforce Leader

Workforce Leader has submitted his letter of resignation to retire

William O’Gurek; second by Jesse Walck to accept the resignation/retired letter from Joseph Kosalko, Effective September 3, 2012; motion was opened to the floor for comments; none made; Motion Approved

A motion was made by William Chapman; second by Francis O’Gorman to advertise for a new borough worker; motion was opened to the floor for comments; none was made; Motion approved.

EXCEUTIVE SESSION

Council entered into executive session at 8:00 p.m. to discuss Personnel Matters.
Council entered back into regular session at 8:30 p.m.

Adjournment

Motion made by Michael Alabovitz; second by William O’Gurek to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. until the next regular scheduled meeting on August 13, 2012

Susan K. Gibiser
Secretary/Treasurer
Summit Hill Borough