

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

Roll Call – President Michael Kokinda, Vice-President John O’Gurek, William O’Gurek, Jesse Walck, Michael Alabovitz, Mayor Paul McArdle were all in attendance.

Minutes – **Motion was made by John O’Gurek, second by Michael Alabovitz to approve the minutes from the May 14th Council Meeting**; motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made; Motion approved.

Floor –

- 1) **Bobby O’Gurek** í í stated there is a structure issue with the ramp at the Ginther Field; the bottom of the ramp is not level to the ground which causes a major problem for wheelchairs and baby strollers. Bobby stated he was traveling down the ramp in his wheelchair and was tumbled over, lucky there were fire personnel there close by and saw what had happened and attended to him; he was not seriously hurt, just some bruises and scrapes. Bobby thanked all the fire personnel who helped and assisted him. He asked Borough Council to look at the conditions of the ramp and to repair it as soon as possible. Borough Council members stated they would have the Workforce crew look at it and make the necessary repairs so this doesn’t happen again in the future; Monica Marshall from the Recreation Committee, stated she and the fire personnel did look at the ramp; since all the rain lately, the bottom part around the cinder blocks is all washed away, leaving a large gap; she did say the Recreation committee would repair the ramp but did ask if the borough workers could also look at it
- 2) **Monica Marshall.....Recreation Committee.....** Monica provided an update on the new basketball court project; she stated there have been some minor changes since the start of the project; some of the issues have been with getting all the recent rains and needing more stone fill in order to pave, this has cost more, so in order to adjust the cost, some of the items such as benches, swings, etc. have been deleted from the project, items have been removed and placed at other parks within the borough. The project is still on schedule and should be done by mid July. Monica also stated the Recreation Committee is working on the list of repairs that was noted by the insurance company. Council member Michael Alabovitz had asked about the cost differences for the changes and what exactly were the changes to the project; Council President, Michael Kokinda asked Monica for a copy of the original project with cost to the revised project with cost; Council wants to make sure the changes to the project were cost efficient for this type of project.
- 3) **Sandra Breiner, Charles Breiner.....13 Stoney Lonesome Road** í í Sandra stated Stoney Lonesome Road has been in very bad conditions for a long time and with the recent rainfall it is getting worse; most of the road is so washed out. She asked why it took over a week for the borough workers to come and survey the road for the conditions after the heavy rainfall. Council members stated they will have the Workforce crew survey the road and make the necessary repairs such as grading and placing stones on the road so it doesn’t wash out during heavy rainfall. She stated she did not call the borough office but will in the future. Charles stated that several roads through out the borough have very high weeds along the sides which cause driving site hazards; Council stated the Workforce crew will take care of road weeds as soon as possible.

Mayor’s Report – Council received a copy of the Mayor’s Report for May 2012. Mayor McArdle reported the magistrate income for May 2012 was **\$ 694.28**. **Motion was made by Jesse Walck, second by Michael Alabovitz to approve the Mayor’s Report for the month of May 2012**; motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made; Motion approved.

Police Report – Council received a copy of Chief Fittos’ Police report for May 2012. Council member, Jesse Walck asked Chief Fittos as to why Rte 902 was closed in both directions over Memorial weekend; Chief Fittos stated it was for safety reasons; Jesse asked if that was really necessary; Chief Fittos stated it was. **Motion was made by John O’Gurek, second by Michael Alabovitz to accept the Police Report for the month of April 2012**; motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made; Motion approved.

received a copy of the Code Enforcement report for May 2012. Susan Gibiser read the report to the Council Members about some of the property maintenance projects. If a property has violations, it should be handled by the Zoning Officer, not the Council. Jesse Walck stated to the public that the Borough is not here to handle such complaints should be handled by a civil matter. **Motion was made by William O’Gurek, second by Jesse Walck to accept the Code Enforcement Report for the month of May 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 May 2012. **Motion was made by John O’Gurek, second by Michael Alabovitz to accept the Planning/Zoning Report for the month of May 2012.** The motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made; Motion approved.

Work Leader Report – Council received a copy of the Work Leader Report for the month of May 2012. **Motion was made by Michael Alabovitz, second by John O’Gurek to accept the Work Leader Report for the month of May 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 May 2012; Alice Kane submitted total taxes as \$396,480.60; with a commission of \$15,589.23; **Motion was made by John O’Gurek, second by Jesse Walck to accept the Tax Collector Report for May 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 May 2012; Total submitted for EIT taxes from Berkheimer was \$2,279.31, with a commission of \$82.30; Total submitted for LST taxes from Berkheimer was \$1081.60, with a commission of \$18.93; Total submitted for EIT from Centax was \$4,420.06, with a commission of \$54.81. **Motion was made by William O’Gurek, second by Jesse Walck to accept the Wage Tax Report for May 2012;** motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made; Motion approved.

Receipts –Borough Secretary, Susan Gibiser, reported the General Account receipts for May 2012 were \$417,289.38; Sanitation Account receipts were \$17,644.06. **Motion was made by John O’Gurek, second by William O’Gurek to accept the receipts for May 2012;** motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made; Motion approved.

Committee Reports –

Streets – John O’Gurek stated he will have the Workforce crew look at Stoney Lonesome Road and make any necessary repairs.

Building – John O’Gurek asked about 47 W. Holland Street which is listed on UCC report.

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

Recreation---Monica stated the Community Yard Sale is on Saturday, June 30th; anyone who wants to participate should be located on the map, needs to stop by the Water Authority office by Thursday, June 28th, cost is \$5.00; there will be no tables set up in the park; Monica requested to have the Recreation Center floors and bathrooms cleaned either by volunteers or the borough workers. Borough Secretary, Susan Gibiser will ask the borough workers and also check with the juvenile center that does the borough’s cleaning. Monica thanked everyone for all their help with setting up and taking down for the Stay-At-Home Festival.

Motion was made by John O’Gurek, second by Michael Alabovitz to accept the committee report; motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made; Motion approved.

Communications

- 1) Letter from Greater Hazleton Area YMCA/YWCA **Anthracite Triathlon – Sunday, July 15th;** Requesting support for the event.

Motion was made by William O’Gurek, second by Jesse Walck to approve the Anthracite Triathlon for Sunday, July 15th; Motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made; Motion approved.

in on June 6th; stating the claim status is still open; needs to
e (1) year.

by the Secretary on Thursday, May 31, 2012; from Marion

A RUCH, PROJECT MGR. FROM LANSFORD-SUMMIT
HILL COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP. REQUESTING TO HOST A MUSIC AND ART
FESTIVAL IN LUDLOW PARK ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 19, 2012í ..12:00PM TO 8:00PM

**Motion was made by Jesse Walck, second by William O’Gurek to approve Sara Ruch from
Lansford-Summit Hill Community Partnership to host a Music & Art Festival in Ludlow Park
on Sunday, August 19th;** motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made; Motion approved.

5) Notice of Property Assessment and Revision of Taxes

Increase of Occupationí ..7

Decrease of Occupationí ..6

**Motion was made by Michael Alabovitz, second by John O’Gurek to accept communications for the
month of May 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 May 2012 were
\$158,268.91; total expenses for Sanitation Account were \$23,005.56 for May 2012; Council Member, John
O’Gurek stated that the borough is spending too much on the old riding mower for the last couple of years; he
stated he feels its time to get price quotes and get a new mower; Council Members agreed and stated to get
price quotes and discuss it at next month’s meeting for approval. **Motion was made by William Chapman,
second by John O’Gurek to pay all bills for the month of May 2012;** motion was opened to the floor for
comments; none made; Motion approved.

Old Business

- 1) **Status of Recommendations for Playgrounds/ Report from H.A. Thompson**
The Recreation Committee is currently working on the commended repairs for the parks.
- 2) Council Member, Jesse Walck stated to other Council Members they need to schedule a special
meeting to discuss implementing a Sewer Transmission Fee within the borough. There was a
discussion among Council member and decided to have a Special Meeting on Thursday, June 21, 2012
at 7:00pm; Borough Secretary, Susan Gibiser will advertise for the Special Meeting in the paper.

New Business –

1) **MuniBilling Company / New Software Program for Garbage Billing**

Council President, Michael Kokinda stated a representative from MuniBilling Company, John Yergey
come to the Borough office on June 6th and presented and displaced their company’s program for
billing residents for garbage fees; currently several other local borough have also joined the company
and have had good responses from the borough secretary and residents. The cost to the borough would
be approximately \$140.00 per quarter; MuniBilling will waive all installation, conversion and
uploading of our current residents listing; MuniBilling will do all the program maintenance, back-up,
support work with our Borough Secretary, Susan during the transition and after to answer all questions
and concerns. All Council Members agreed this would be very helpful with billing since it
currently is very time consuming and expensive with postage.

**Motion was made by John O’Gurek, second by Jesse Walck to approve getting the new software
program with MuniBilling Company for the Garbage Billing;** motion was opened to the floor for
comments; none made; motion approved.



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1 to Advertise

ed she had received the Annual Audit Report for the auditors
ers to advertise it in the local newspaper.

second by John O’Gurek to advertise the 2011 Annual

: for comments; no other comments were made; Motion

Hiring of New Assistant Secretary

A motion was made by John O’Gurek, second by William O’Gurek to hire Shaun Midas as the new Part-time Assistant Secretary; motion was opened to the floor for comments; no other comments were made; motion approved.

Susan K. Gibiser
Secretary/Treasurer
Summit Hill Borough