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**Summit Hill Borough Council**  
**2012, 7:00 p.m., Borough Hall**

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

**Roll Call** – President Michael Kokinda, William Chapman, Francis O’Gorman, William O’Gurek, Jesse Walck, Michael Alabovitz Solicitor Michael Greek and Mayor Paul McArdle were all in attendance. Vice-President John O’Gurek was absent.

**Minutes** – Motion was made by Bill Chapman and second by Billy O’Gurek to approve the minutes from the February 13, 2012 Summit Hill Borough Council Meeting. The motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council.

**Floor** –

1. Maria Szczecina, 239 S. Pine Street, asked Council about the owner of Heffy’s garage, she said that they have been having issues with it. Jesse Walck said that he filed a written complaint earlier this week. Maria said that they were taking care of the property before it sold, and since then a piece of the building flew off and hit and damaged their vehicle. She said that he husband came over to the Borough to get contact information on the new owner, but they ended up finding it elsewhere. Bill Chapman said he heard that man, who bought the place, sold it to his relation and they were going to tear it down and put in a convenience store in its place. Mrs. Szczecina said that there are kids playing near there and she doesn’t want to see anyone get hurt. Bill Chapman said they would find out what is going on with it and let her know. Larry Marek said that the owner came in to the Borough to get a permit to fix it up, but that is all he knows at this time. Larry also added that he knows Barry Isett was there a while ago to look at the property, but he thinks it was before it sold.
2. Marlene Matrazzo and Dave Matrazzo, 32 W. White Street, asked if there was an update on 38 W. White Street. Dave said that is concerned because there are many safety issues and the longer it sits the more dangerous it becomes. Atty. Greek stated that there was a default judgment taken and now the Borough has to assess the damages then there will be a hearing. Atty. Greek explained that the way it was filed declared action because of a public nuisance, to try and force the owner to either make repairs, tear it down or give the Borough the opportunity to do it. He also said that if the Borough can get an estimate to tear it down which he is aware the Borough does not have the funds to pay for this but we can ask the court to enter a judgment based on the estimate, then attach the other properties that the owner has with the monetary judgment. Atty. Greek explained that this is a very lengthily process but then the Borough will have the order and be able to move forward, because without the order we do not have the authority to do so. Mike Kokinda asked if it has been filed, Atty. Greek said that he was at the conference today; Mike Kokinda asked when we can expect. Atty. Greek explained that there is another petition he has to do after the default judgment to tell the court what type of relief the Borough would like. He said that he is going to set that up and maybe Council should contact Radocha and see if they can get us an estimate. Dave and Marlene expressed their concerns with the amount of time it is taking. Atty. Greek explained to the Matrazzo’s that there are steps that must be followed, before the Borough can do anything.

**Mayor’s Report** – Council received a copy of the Mayor’s Report for the month of February 2012. He reported the magistrate income for the month of February 2012 was \$2,862.22. **Motion was made by Bill Chapman and second by Jesse Walck to approve the Mayor’s Report for the month of February 2012.** The motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council.

**Police Report** – Council received copies of Chief Fittos’ Police reports for the month of February 2012. Chief Fittos is requesting permission for him and Officer Woodward to attend advanced provisional system



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l be held in Lehigh County on March 21 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. sponsors and JTACs to attend. **Motion was made by Bill give Chief Fittos and Officer Woodward permission to training for JNET on March 21, 2012 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in** the floor for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously **man and second by William O’Gurek to accept the Police**

**Report for the month of February 2012.** The motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council

**Code Enforcement and Engineering Report** – Council received copies of the Code Enforcement and Engineering report for the month of February 2012. **Motion was made by Francis O’Gorman and second by Bill Chapman to accept the Code Enforcement and Engineering Report for the month of February 2012.** The motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council.

**Planning and Zoning Report** – Council received copies of Larry Marek’s Planning and Zoning report for the month of February 2012. **Motion was made by Francis O’Gorman and second by Bill Chapman to accept the Planning and Zoning Report for the month of February 2012.** The motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council.

**Work Leader Report** – Council received copies of the Work Leader Report for the month of February 2012. **Motion was made by Bill Chapman and second by Francis O’Gorman to accept the Work Leader Report for the month of February 2012.** The motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council.

**Tax Collector Report** – nothing at this time.

**Wage Tax Report** –Borough Secretary, Susan Gibiser, read Berkheimer’s Wage Tax Report for the month of February 2012. They submitted total Earned Income Tax of \$30,324.48 with a commission of \$547.88. The total LST submitted for February 2012 was \$39.20 with no commission. **Motion was made by Bill Chapman and second by William O’Gurek to accept the Wage Tax Report for the month of February 2012.** The motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council.

**Receipts** –Borough Secretary, Susan Gibiser, reported the total General Account receipts for the month of February 2012 as \$187,730.57 and the total Sanitation Account receipts for the month of February 2012 as \$154,625.14. **Motion was made by Francis O’Gorman and Second by Bill Chapman to accept the receipts for the month of February 2012.** The motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council.

### **Committee Reports** –

*Streets* – nothing at this time

*Building* –

- Mike Kokinda said that they were making progress on the kitchen, and that the kitchen equipment has been converted to propane and just about ready for use. Monica asked if it will be ready for use on May 19, 2012, he said that it may be ready but he is not sure how the inspections will go.

*Fire and Emergency Services-*

- Mike Alabovitz said that they were working on their annual fundraiser.

*Recreation* –

- Monica submitted contracts to Mike Kokinda to approve for the community room.

SHCIO last Monday she said that they spoke about the sign for the  
were ordered and it is now in Rec's hands. Monica asked if they  
, Larry Marek said that they would but there would be no cost.  
basket ball court will be opened tomorrow at 11:00, however they  
l the bid.

will be held on April 1, 2012 rain or shine. She said that if it is

nice out it will be held in Ludlow and Bill Black parks, if it rains it will be held in the Community  
room.

- Stay at Home Festival will be held on 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> of May. Monica said that there are things at the  
Ginder that need to be updated, one being the electrical she said who ever would be able to look at  
it; it would be greatly appreciated.
- Monica said that the first game for the Breaker Boys will be held on March 25, and the Recreation  
Commission will have the stand open. Monica said that she talked to the Breaker Boys about them  
parking on the field and it won't happen again.

**Motion was made by Bill Chapman and second by Francis O’Gorman to accept all Committee Reports  
for the month of February 2012.** The motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made. Motion  
carried unanimously by Council.

#### Communications –

- Maxine Vermillion submitted a letter on behalf of SHCIO and they are asking for permission to hang  
20 small banners on the electric poles around Ludlow Park and also along Ludlow and Pine Streets.  
They are also asking for help from the work force to hang the banners before Memorial Day.  
**Motion was made by Bill Chapman and second by William O’Gurek to approve SHCIO’s  
request.** The motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made. Motion carried  
unanimously by Council.
- Mike Kokinda said that they are looking for a motion to enter into an agreement with Carbon County  
for narrow banding radio upgrade. **Motion was made by Francis O’Gorman and second by Mike  
Alabovitz to enter into an agreement with Carbon County for narrow banding radio upgrade  
where the county has applied for a grant in the amount of \$907,000, the grant will cover 70%  
and the Borough is responsible for other 30%.** The motion was opened to the floor for comment;  
none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council.

**Motion was made by Mike Alabovitz and second by Bill Chapman to accept communications for the  
month of February 2012.** The motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made. Motion carried  
unanimously by Council.

**Bills** –Borough Secretary, Susan Gibiser, reported total expenses for the General Account for the month of  
January and February 2012 as \$112,739.21 and the total expenses for the Sanitation Account for the month of  
February 2012 as \$23,070.32. **Motion was made by Bill Chapman and second by Francis O’Gorman to  
pay all bills for the month of February 2012.** The motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made.  
Motion carried unanimously by Council.

#### Unfinished Business –

1. William O’Gurek reported that he has reviewed the list of residents who are applying for the first  
time for an exemption for the 2012 garbage collection fee. He presented the list to Council and  
asked that 12 properties on the list be granted the exemption. **Motion was made by Bill  
Chapman and second by Jesse Walck to grant the exemptions from the 2012 garbage**



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**Borough to 12 properties.** The motion was opened to the  
ion carried unanimously by Council. **Motion was made by  
esse Walck to table Mr. Perno's (2) applications for  
l to the floor for comment; none made. Motion carried**

**New Business** – nothing at this time

**Motion was made by Mike Alabovitz and second by Francis O’Gorman to adjourn at 8:46 p.m. until the next regular scheduled meeting of the Summit Hill Borough on April 9, 2012.** The motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council.

Amber Shemansik  
Summit Hill Borough  
Assistant Secretary

Michael Kokinda  
Summit Hill Borough  
Council President