

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

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

Minutes – Motion was made by John O’Gurek, second by William O’Gurek to approve the minutes from the April 9, 2012 Summit Hill Borough Council Meeting; motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made; Motion approved.

Floor –

- 1) **John Michalik, 354 W. Iron Street**.....Asked Council as to why the alleys were not cleaned by the street sweeper, such as Iron Street; John O’Gurek stated the Workforce crew has been very busy just doing the main streets and the street sweeper has broke down three (3) times and still not fixed at this point; William Chapman stated the alleys should be cleaned and will address it to the Workforce crew and it will be done.
- 2) **Lori Stapinski, 33 E. Berea Ave** í í Stated there has been problems lately with the garbage being picked up along the last two (2) blocks of Berea Ave.; there have been no problems for years prior to the new driver, which has just be recently; Lori stated she owns a large white van, which could make it difficult for the garbage truck to make it down the street, also there is a pole that is leaning which makes it tight for the truck; Lori stated before Council would decided to post the street for No Parking, she has no problem with moving her van and asking the neighbors to also move their vehicles on garbage days in order for the garbage to be picked up. This might possibly solve the problem, if it doesn’t work, it can address it at a future date.
- 3) **Michael Brode, 33 & 35 E. Berea Ave**.....Stated there as been problems with the garbage being picked up on Berea Ave since the new driver has been there for a couple of months; he also stated there has been some conflicts between the driver, Lori Stapinski and himself; he stated he called Tamaqua Transfer and complained about the situation. Council stated the Borough Secretary will keep track of the complaints, problems about the garbage pick up for Berea Ave.
- 4) **Phillip Thompson, 111 E. Holland Street** í í ..Stated he has requested and received a copy of the noise ordinance from the Borough Secretary that pertains to the borough; he stated in the ordinance he does not stated what is considered loud and a nuisance; Phillip stated he has received several citations because his neighbor continues to complain and call the police all the time; He states he feels he is being harassed by this neighbor for any type of noise that he makes at his home, his has completely moved all items from the wall that would be next to the neighbor, his TV, stereo, video games are played so low, you can barely hear it; he stated his children are at home right now with no TV or video games on because the police have been there twice (2) today and he was told to turn it down. Council members asked Michael Greek, Solicitor to read the ordinance before Council members now so everyone understands it clearly; Council stated to Phillip since this matter is now in the DJ courts, there is nothing Council can do at this time; he (Phillip) should keep Council updated on the status. There was a discussion among Council members about this situation; Michael Greek read certain sections ordinance to the Council Members to make sure it was clear to them. Phillip stated he has been cited seven (7) times in the past three (3) weeks; Chief Fittos stated he can not comment about the case since it is in the hands of the court at this time.

Mayor’s Report – Council received a copy of the Mayor’s Report for April 2012. Mayor McArdle reported the magistrate income for April 2012 was **\$1142.58**. Motion was made by John O’Gurek, second by William Chapman to approve the Mayor’s Report for the month of April 2012; motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made; Motion approved.

Chief Fittosø Police report for April 2012. Chief Fittos asked batteries for the defibrillators, cost would be \$35.99 per unit; purchase new batteries since those are life saving devices. William the borough and they received a call which was a scam call; she pt.; she contacted the Lansford dept. and they are handling the iar with the situation and will ask with his officers. **Motion was**

made by William Chapman, second by William O’Gurek to accept the Police Report for the month of April 2012; motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made; Motion approved.

Code Enforcement Report – Council received a copy of the Code Enforcement report for April 2012. **Motion was made by William Chapman, second by Jesse Walck to accept the Code Enforcement Report for the month of April 2012;** motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made; Motion approved.

Planning and Zoning Report – Council received a copy of Larry Marekø Planning/Zoning report for April 2012. Jesse Walck asked Larry about the property on Mountaintop Road and who owns the property. Larry stated he is working on who owns the property, will have to review zoning maps and parcels **Motion was made by John O’Gurek, second by Michael Alabovitz to accept the Planning/Zoning Report for the month of April 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 April 2012. William Chapman asked if the street cleaning was all finished; Borough Secretary, Susan Gibiser stated she was not informed by the Workforce Leader of the status, will find out; Susan did state the banners have all been hung on the poles. **Motion was made by Jesse Walck, second by William O’Gurek to accept the Work Leader Report for the month of April 2012;** motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made; Motion approved.

Tax Collector Report --Borough Secretary, Susan Gibiser read the Tax Collectorø Report for the month of April 2012; Alice Kane submitted total taxes as \$158,047.87; with a commission of \$6,321.92; **Motion was made by William Chapman, second by William O’Gurek to accept the Tax Collector Report for April 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 April 2012; Total submitted in EIT taxes from Berkheimer was \$19,023.44, with a commission of \$ 377.68; Total submitted in LST taxes from Berkheimer was \$ 134.50, with a commission of \$ 2.35; Total submitted in EIT from Centax was \$ 380.00, with a commission of \$ 5.67. **Motion was made by William Chapman, second by William O’Gurek to accept the Wage Tax Report for April 2012;** motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made; Motion approved.

Receipts –Borough Secretary, Susan Gibiser, reported the General Account receipts for April 2012 were \$197,530.30; Sanitation Account receipts were \$47,777.44. **Motion was made by John O’Gurek, second by William Chapman to accept the receipts for April 2012;** motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made; Motion approved.

Committee Reports –

Streets – John OøGurek stated most of the streets have been done; will talk with Workforce to clean the alleys; will have to post for cleaning alleys and only the alleys that have residents will be done.

Building – No comments at this time

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

Recreation---William OøGurek stated Monica Marshall could not attend tonightø meeting and was asked to read the upcoming events; On Thursday, May 24th, setting up the Stay-At-Home Festival will begin at 6:00PM; the basketball court project will begin after Memorial Day, should not last more than thirty days.

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

...Requesting to use the Gazebo located at Ludlow Park on her wedding.

Alvitz, second by William O’Gurek to approve Amy Gazebo on July 4, 2012; motion was opened to the floor for

comment; none made; motion approved.

2) EMC Insurance Company í í í called on April 13th í í í what is the status on the estimate for the repairs for the guttering. **President, Michael Kokinda stated he will contact a contractor about the repairs needed on the gutter.**

3) Letter from St. Joseph Church, 462 W. Ludlow Street í í í .request blocking off the streets that are closest to and run parallel to the church for their Annual Festival on **Friday, July 20th to Sunday, July 22nd**

Also requesting to block **East on Ludlow Street, turning left on Poplar Street and White Street** for the procession of the Statue of St. Gabriel which will be held on

Sunday, July 22nd at 3:00pm.

Motion was made by Williman Chapman, second by Michael Kokinda to approve St. Joseph Church request for blocking off streets for their Festival and Procession; motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made; Motion approved.

4) Notice of Property Assessment and Revision of Taxes

Increase of Occupationí .7

Decrease of Occupationí .6

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

Bills –Borough Secretary, Susan Gibiser, reported expenses for the General Account for April 2012 were \$108,424.55; total expenses for Sanitation Account were \$23,102.70 for April 2012 \$23,619.05. **Motion was made by William Chapman, second by John O’Gurek to pay all bills for the month of April 2012;** motion was opened to the floor for comments; none made; Motion approved.

Old Business

1) OPENING THE SEALED BIDS FOR 2012 MATERIAL; AWARD BID

The sealed bids were opened and read; Bid results will be attached with the meeting minutes; The 2012 Material Bid was awarded to: Lehigh Asphalt & Paving; Solicitor, Michael Greek will review the awarded bid to make sure the contract is correct.

Motion was made by Michael Alabovitz, second by William Chapman to award the 2012 Material Bid to Lehigh Asphalt & Paving Company; motion was opened to the floor for comments; none made; motion approved.

2) A gentleman (he did not state his name) stated he was concerned about the Lehigh Ambulance moving in and obtaining their Occupancy permit; will they (Lehigh Ambulance) be putting up a fence on the property line; he stated they should be aware of the property lines and where they are building. Michael Kokinda stated he had spoke with the project manager; a fence will be put up within a few weeks.

3) A gentleman (he did not state his name) stated the concern of the condemning of the home located at 38 W. White Street and how it will effect the Memorial Day Parade; Michael Greek, Solicitor stated the settlement will be any day and should not effect the parade; also the borough will be reimbursed their expenses that were accrued; he will be filing to withdraw the petition with the courts.

May 28th at 11:00AM

Summit Hill Memorial Day Parade Committee inviting anyone from the Borough of Summit Hill, Pennsylvania, to participate in the parade on May 28th at 11:00AM.

2) Shade Tree Ordinance—Review & Discussion

Council Members agreed to table the discussion at this time so all Council members could review the ordinance and bring all comments to the next council meeting.

3) Transmission Sewer Fee within the Borough

There was a discussion among Council stating they need to start a fund in order to fix sewer lines within the borough; Council Members agreed to discuss this matter at a later date and during budget meeting, include the Water Authority in the discussion and the Borough Engineer

4) Garbage Issues; Delinquent Garbage Accounts from 2011

Borough Secretary, Susan Gibiser presented to Council a current Delinquent Garbage list; a current list of exemptions; which will be review twice a year, so Council is aware of the status.

5) H.A. Thompson Inspection of Playgrounds Report/Recommendations

Borough Secretary, Susan Gibiser received notification from H. A. Thompson, the Borough's insurance agency about the review of the borough's parks; William Chapman stated he will review the recommendations made by the insurance with the Workforce Leader and comment at the next meeting.

6) Accept Resignation and Motion to Advertise Position

Motion made by John O'Gurek second by Michael Alabovitz to accept the resignation from Amber Shemansik, Assistant Secretary with the effective of April 24, 2012; motion was opened to the floor for comments; none made; Motion approved.

Motion made by William Chapman, second by John O'Gurek to advertise for the position of Assistant Secretary; motion was opened to the floor for comments; Michael Alabovitz stated the ad should read, the Borough Council is accepting applications and the hours should be 20-25; no other comments were made; Motion approved.

Executive Session

Council Members entered in an Executive Session at 8:30PM to discuss Zoning issues with the Zoning Officer, Larry Marek. Council Member motioned to adjourn the meeting at this time since they would not return after the Executive Session.

Motion was made by William Chapman; second by William O'Gurek to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. until the next regular scheduled meeting on June 11, 2012. The motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made; Motion approved.

Susan K. Gibiser
Secretary/Treasurer
Summit Hill Borough



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