

**Summit Hill Borough**  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
**Monday, February 11, 2013, 7:00PM**

The regular council meeting for Summit Hill Borough was held on the above date and time with President, Michael Kokinda presiding.

**Minutes** – Motion was made by John O’Gurek, second by Jesse Walck to approve the minutes from the Appointing and Regular Council meeting held on January 14<sup>th</sup>; motion was opened to the floor for comments; none made; all were in favor, motion approved.

**Floor Session**

**William Chapman**—stated he wanted to read a letter he wrote concerning some troubling news that was brought to his attention concerning the volunteer firemen. William read the letter to Council members and the Public: William stated comments have been stated from the volunteer firemen referring to William Chapman and John O’Gurek not appreciating the volunteer fireman and all that they do for the borough; they (William and John) should be off the borough council. William stated that this statement is not true; William and his wife appreciate everything the volunteer firemen do for the borough. William stated the only information he has requested from the fire company is a monthly, quarterly or annual financial statement of accounts; not only has he inquired about this information, residents have also inquired at several meetings. John O’Gurek stated he agreed with William; John is not against the volunteer fireman; they (firemen) do a lot for the borough and everyone appreciates all of them for their hard work and volunteering.

Donald Smale---asked a question concerning the open position on the council; were letters submitted. President Michael Kokinda stated there were letters submitted and this is on tonight’s agenda.

**Mayor’s Report** – Council received a copy of the Mayor’s Report for the month of January 2013. He reported the magistrate income for the month of December 2012 was \$ 900.87. **Motion was made by John O’Gurek and second by Jesse Walck to approve the Mayor’s Report for the month of January 2013.** The motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made; all were in favor; Motion approved.

**Police Report** – Council received a copy of Chief Fittos’ Police report for **January 2013**. Chief Fittos discussed the mileage on all the police vehicles. Chief Fittos requested the following training session: To send one (1) Officer on March 20<sup>th</sup>; there is no cost for this training of Recognition; Motion made by William Chapman, second by William O’Gurek to approve sending one (1) officer to this training. School Safety Seminar on March 4<sup>th</sup>, there is no cost for the training. Motion made by William Chapman, second by William O’Gurek to send officers to this training. To send Officer Hannon on March 13<sup>th</sup> to a training session held at Kovatch’s concerning concealed weapons and drugs; Motion made by William O’Gurek, second by Jesse Walck. All motions were opened to the floor for comments; none made; Motions approved. **Motion was made by John O’Gurek, second by Jesse Walck to accept the Police Report for the month of January 2013;** motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made; all were in favor; Motion approved.

**Code Enforcement Report**—Council received a copy of the Code Enforcement report for the month of January. **Motion was made by William O’Gurek and second by Jesse Walck to accept the report. The motion was opened to the floor for comment, none made, all were in favor, Motion approved.**

**Planning and Zoning Report** – Council received a copy of Planning and Zoning report for the month of January 2013. **Motion was made by Michael Alabovitz and second by John O’Gurek to accept the Planning and Zoning Report for the month of January 2013.** The motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made; all were in favor; Motion approved.

**Work Leader Report** – Council received copies of the Work Leader Report for the month of January 2013 **Motion was made by John O’Gurek, second by Jesse Walck to accept the Work Leader Report for January 2013; motion was opened to the floor for comments; none made; all were in favor; motion approved.**

**Tax Collector Report** – There was no Tax Collector Report for the month of January 2013.

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**Wage Tax Report** – Susan Gibiser, Secretary/Treasurer read Berkheimer’s Wage Tax Report for the month of January 2013; total EIT was \$ **23,556.77** with a commission of \$ **353.35 & \$ 7.76 for postage**; LST tax collected for January 2013 was \$10.00; no commission. Motion was made by **John O’Gurek, second by William Chapman to accept the Wage Tax Report for January 2013. Motion was opened to the floor for comments; none made; all were in favor; motion approved.**

**Receipts** – Susan Gibiser, Secretary/Treasurer read the total General Fund receipts for the month of January 2013, were **\$26,909.74**; the total Sanitation Account receipts, were **\$42,562.02**. Motion was made by **John O’Gurek, second by William Chapman to accept the receipts for January 2013; motion was opened to the floor for comments; none made; all were in favor; motion approved.**

**Committee Reports –**

**Streets**— John O’Gurek stated there are a lot of pot holes in the borough. Borough workers have been working on filling the potholes.

Michael Alabovitz asked questions concerning salting and cindering the Lansford/Summit Hill, hill Michael Alabovitz mentioned contacting Penn Dot for the possibility of the borough workers assisting Penn Dot. John O’Gurek motioned to contact Penn Dot to ask for the borough to assist with salting.

**Building**---Michael Kokinda stated the exhaust system is broke again. The system is not working, the break away knobs keep breaking. Michael Alabovitz stated that it is not a good system. Michael Kokinda said he will call L&S Electrical to repair the heating system..

**Fire and Emergency Services**—A comment was made by a member of the floor that John O’Gurek and William Chapman were against the Fire Company. John O’Gurek stated then no one ever said they were against the Fire Company. It was stated it was just an opinion of an individual. Ed Nunnemacher, President of the Fire Company stated to council that if there is a problem they are to come to him and he was unhappy with the comments.

**Recreation**— Michael Alabovitz asked about grants for the playground at the Little League Field. Michael Kokinda said he doesn’t really have an answer at this time.

**Motion was made by John O’Gurek, second by William O’Gurek to accept the Committee Report for January 2013; motion was opened to the floor for comments; none made; all were in favor; Motion approved.**

**Communications – None to Report for January 2013**

**Bills** – Susan Gibiser, Secretary/Treasurer stated the expenses for the General Account for the month of January 2013 were **\$43,965.18**; the total expenses for the Sanitation Account were **\$ 23,054.13**. Balance for New Building Loan was **\$120,673.42** and the **Harleysville Loan for Equipment, Paid in full as of 1/7/13.**

**Motion made by William Chapman, second by William O’Gurek to approve payment of all bills for the month from December 2011. Motion was opened to the floor for comments; none made; all were in favor; motion approved.**

**Old Business**

1). **Liquid Fuel Auditor Comments on 2011 Audit** – Michael Kokinda stated that an overpayment was made to the Liquid Fuel Account in the amount of \$1641.75. **Motion was opened to the floor whether council should request a refund of this money, John O’Gurek states that council should request a refund; the motion was second by Jesse Walck. All were in favor: motion approved.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

1) **New Garbage Exemptions**

President Michael Kokinda read the list of new garbage exemptions presented to council and asked for council to accept or deny the new exemptions. It was decided to table the exemption at 3 E. Ludlow Street, but to accept the 5 other new exemptions as listed; Irene & Michael Chromiak, 342 West White;

Shirley Stoudt, 100 East Hazard Street; Barbra Sommers & Richard Benek, 426 West Iron Street; Paul Sandhu, 136 East McMurtrie Street and John & Dianne Rodia, 101 East Ludlow Street.

Motion made by Jesse Walck, second by William Chapman to accept the 5 new garbage exemptions listed. Motion opened to the floor for comments; none made; all were in favor; Motion approved.

- 2) Letter of Interest submitted for Vacant Seat on Council – President Michael Kokinda read the list of names that have submitted a letter of interest for the vacant seat on council. The following is a list of those names: Thomas Tkach, Karen Ruzicka, Kevin Steber, Joseph Kosalko, Greg Kosciolek, and Shawn Hoben. He followed by reading the letters of interest. John O’Gurek motioned to accept Karen Ruzicka and second by William Chapman, Mayor Paul McArdle was the deciding vote in not accepting Karen Ruzicka for council. Council members VOTED: Michael Kokinda – yes: John O’Gurek – yes: Michael Alabovitz – no: William Chapman – yes: William O’Gurek – no: Jesse Walck – no: Mayor Paul McArdle – no. Michael Alabovitz motioned to accept Greg Kosciolek and second by Jesse Walck. The vote was 4 to 2 in favor of Greg Kosciolek. Motion opened to the floor for comments, none made, all were in favor. Motion approved. Council members VOTED: Michael Kokinda – yes: John O’Gurek – no: Michael Alabovitz – yes: William O’Gurek – yes: Jesse Walck – yes: William Chapman – no.

Mayor McArdle swore in Greg Kosciolek to council seat: Michael Kokinda stated council will be entering into an Executive Session to discuss personnel with nothing following.

Council entered into executive session at 8 p.m. to discuss personnel.

#### Adjournment

Motion made by Michael Alabovitz and second by Jesse Walck to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. until the next regular scheduled meeting on March 11, 2013.

  
Susan K. Gibiser

Borough Secretary/Treasurer

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