

Summit Hill Borough Council
June 22, 2015, 7:00 p.m. Borough Hall

The regular scheduled meeting of the Summit Hill Borough Council was held at the above time and place with President Michael Kokinda presiding.

Roll Call – President Mike Kokinda, Vice President John O’Gurek, Michael Alabovitz, Greg Kosciolek, Jesse Walck, William O’Gurek, Solicitor Michel Greek and Mayor Paul McArdle were all in attendance. Bill Chapman was absent.

Minutes - Motion was made Greg Kosciolek and second by John O’Gurek to approve the May 18, 2015 meeting minutes. Motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council.

Floor -

1. Monroe Mechling, 17 West White Bear Drive, stated that it is his understanding that Kasprzak bought the yellow house across the street; two doors up from him. There is someone living in it and it is not Mr. Kasprzak. If that becomes a rental property, it should meet some kind of codes and should be looked at and inspected. Michael Kokinda said it should be inspected according to our ordinance. Kira explained that a rental inspection application was already sent to Mr. Kasprzak. Mechling said that Kasprzak has started calling the police again on everyone and getting in all the neighbor's business. We do not bother them, we don't even talk to them but if he wants to stand around on overhear us talking, that's his business. However, if he is recording us, that is against the law and he needs permission to record us. I don't know what his problem is but for years he has picked on us, he has picked on council, he fights with everyone over everything and he harasses your secretaries. When he harassed your secretary, we were standing right across the road listening to him scream at her on the phone. Kokinda explained that there was already a hearing with him because of harassment. Monroe said that something needs to be done about him; he needs to be charged with harassment. He is taking pictures of people parking in front of my house and it needs to stop. Chief Fittos said he saw the pictures of the and according to Kasprzak's pictures, it looks like the vehicle was parked right on the line. Fittos went down to the house and took his own pictures which shows that he was not parked near the line and also asked Mr. Mechling to move it back a little and he did. Monroe asked what the necessity of this is, of him doing this and calling the police down there all just to harass his neighbors. John O'Gurek said that he received an email with the pictures, forwarded it to the Chief and asked him to check it out. Mechling explained this is what he is talking about; he is harassing all of us. He again mentioned the yellow house. He said that Council needs to make sure the permits are done properly. If it is a rental property, he doesn't care if it is a family member or if he isn't charging them, there should be an inspection done. If the person living there is not the land owner or it is someone who is not on the deed, it needs to be inspected. It is a rental property even if you are using it for a tax write off. He also asked that things on Kasprzak's property be looked into. The big tall antenna is still broken and has not been removed or replaced, the wires are still between the buildings and the septic system has not been looked at or replaced. He would like to know what they are doing, if the top of the septic tank is what is under the building. It is always going to leak. He has asked to have it looked at and Kasprzak refused to let the inspector on the property. If he is refusing, then the inspector should have a search warrant. I have tried to stay out of trouble with this man but he has harassed my wife and my kids. He can't even send them out into the yard to play without him taking videos but you all say I can't do anything about it. The buildings are still falling down and nothing has been done about it. He has complained and the engineer was supposed to go look at the property. There was supposed to be an engineer's report. Kira Steber said there is no engineer's report to provide. Monroe stated that there should be because someone was supposed to look at the houses. Kira explained that they looked at the property but did not do a structural engineer report. Monroe stressed that the buildings are going

to fall down and someone is going to get hurt. They should also be checking to see if the chimney was put up right. The buildings need to be inspected to see if they are safe. They do not use the buildings, they can't fix the buildings, or don't want to, and if not, then make them rip them down. The same thing with the septic system under the building. He is not an engineer, but he is telling Council that it is not legal to have a building over a septic system. He has asked for all of this to be looked at and inspected and no one has done anything about it. It is time to step on their toes and make them leave everyone alone. They have sued the Borough, they have sued Mr. Gryzik and everything just keeps going on around here. It is enough with these people. Council has asked me to take care of the issues with his septic system and he did. These people are money hungry and sue happy people. They need to be stepped on and made to leave everyone alone. Mike Kokinda asked Kira to have Lehig Engineering inspect the property again.

2. Lou Alexander, Summit Hill Water Authority, said he was asked to be here by Jesse Walck. Jesse Walck asked Lou what amount of money is in the capital improvements for line repairs. Lou asked if he was asking how much money is in the account. Jesse said no; what is in capital improvements. There should be money set aside for replacing the lines at some point. Wayne Gryzik stated that Jesse can attend the Water Authority meetings, where he can ask questions and get answers to whatever he is looking for. Lou stated that he thought the Jesse already has this information, but maybe he didn't get it. He asked Jesse if he remembers when the Water Authority went for a loan, a small streams grant, and they did not get it. He has a letter from 2006 from the Fire Department about line and hydrants that need to be replaced. We know that we do not have the money to replace the entire line from Elm to Chestnut Street, but we might have enough money to get from Elm to Pine Street. With that said, do we have a number, no not yet. Once we get the engineer involved, we will get numbers. Jesse asked what is being put away in case there is a catastrophe that you cannot handle. Lou explained that they have about \$237,000 now in the bank. What are you talking about, one block, ten blocks, if you want to spitball, spitball all day long. The fact of the matter is we look at a project, we follow through with a project we don't have to borrow as much money for and we try to get it done. Lou addressed Jesse saying that whatever he is looking for, well, there isn't a crystal ball and there are facts and figures that you need to deal with. Walck expressed that out of the budget, there should be a certain amount that is being put away for line replacement and that is what he wants to know. Lou stated that there is not a line item for that. Jesse wanted to know why. Wayne Gryzik added that they are looking into a five year plan. Jesse said that is what he wanted to hear. William O'Gurek asked if they had the same line item as we have for the sewer lines. Mike Kokinda asked what kind of grant it was. Lou explained it was a small streams grant for \$156,000.00, which did not include resurfacing the street. It would have been another \$50,000.00 to do the street. Lou stated that they are trying to rectify the situation and make it safer for the community. How they go about it depends on the grants that they get and what kind of loans they can obtain. They do not have the money in the circuit right now. Walck added that nor is there a percentage getting put away for it. Lou stated that by the time it turns around it might cost another 50-100 thousand dollars. Michael Alabovitz said he can remember back in 1996 hydrants that are not adequate and 50% of hydrants are not adequate. He feels there should be a plan in place to rectify the situation. Gryzik said he agrees and they are working on a five year plan and hoping to make it a 25 year plan. He recommended coming to a Water Authority meeting to get any further answers. Lou stated, that just like Council, the government controls them too. They say the rates should be higher. When you have a community that is not thriving, you have a lot of people on fixed incomes and a lot of them do not make a lot of money. Then you have the ones in the middle, which you do not have a lot of these, so you try to do the best you can. This is what they are trying to do. We fixed up the pump house, put some money into it and they do what they can do. Mike Kokinda asked if there is a plan for Hazard Street. Lou said there will be a meeting next week with the engineer and it will be discussed then. They are going down the avenue of a Pen Vest Loan, which is an option. Jesse Walck added that he doesn't expect them to have the money to do it all but a plan with a set amount would be nice. Lou said you get your information first of what it is going to cost and then you set a plan as how they are going to do it. Walck said there should be capital

improvements and that is his concern. Lou asked if he made notes of it; Jesse said yes. Lou said he never heard about it and Jesse should have given him a call.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Paul McArdle reported receiving three checks from the District Justice for the month of May 2015 in the total of \$588.74. **Motion was made by William O’Gurek and second by Mike Kokinda to accept the Mayors report for the month of May 2015.** Motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council.

Police Report – Chief Fittos mentioned that it was discussed that they were going to start the rotation of purchased vehicles with the first one being the 2012 Ford Taurus. The 2007 Crown Victoria has 176,216 miles on it and it is burning oil. It really is not a safe vehicle to be using. He spoke with someone at KME and they have a program that if you took delivery of a vehicle, you would not have to pay anything until the next year. This way you can put the payment into the next year's budget. He spoke with Bill Chapman and viewed a website that he recommended but all the vehicles are refurbished. John O’Gurek asked what figures he got on the refurbished vehicle. Fittos said it was \$12,000 but then we would need to pay to have all the other equipment put on the vehicle. Michael Alabovitz said that we will need a new car. Most people never get away from buying a new car. You get done paying off the car and then it's time to buy a new one and they always have a car payment. Kokinda asked Kira to look over the budget and see where we stand. Fittos said he will get some numbers together for the next meeting. He also mentioned that we did not get the grant to purchase a new SUV but he is going to reapply in July. Chief Fittos explained to Council that he was audited by the State Police and they expressed their concern about them using computers with XP. There are four computers that need to be upgraded. Alabovitz asked if there was a reason why there are four computers. Fittos explained that each full-time officer has their own computer and the other two computers are work stations, where the guys do their reports. Kokinda added that they are over 7 years old. Fittos said we can replace two if that is what they want.

Chief Fittos stated that he and members of the Police Committee interviewed three candidates for the part-time police officer position and would like to recommend hiring all three. **Motion was made by John O’Gurek and second by Michael Alabovitz to hire Steven Devore as a part-time police officer.** Motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council. **Motion was made by John O’Gurek and second by Jesse Walck to hire Kyle Oliver as a part-time police officer.** Motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council. **Motion was made by John O’Gurek and second by William O’Gurek to hire Jason Harrison as a part-time police officer.** Motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council. Karen Ruzicka asked what the turnover cost for the Borough is every time they hire new police officers; buying uniforms or whatever else they need. Chief Fittos explained that he has uniforms and if they fit the new offices, they get issued to that officer. If not, that officer must buy uniforms and once they work one full year, they get reimbursed. They are given 80 hours of ride along time, which does cost the Borough. Other than that, they are paying for the physical and psychological testing. Kokinda said the goals of the officers is not to work part-time forever and are ultimately looking to get hired full-time or moving onto a full-time job. **Motion was made by William O’Gurek and second by Mike Kokinda to accept the Police Report for the month of May 2015.** Motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council.

Planning and Zoning Report – Borough Secretary, Kira Steber, read the Planning and Zoning report for the month of May 2015. **Motion was made by John O’Gurek and second by Greg Kosciolk to accept the Planning and Zoning report for the month of May 2015.** Motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council.

Work Leader Report –Bill Searfoss asked when they will finish sweeping. John O’Gurek said they are paving now, they will finish when they are done paving. **Motion was made by John O’Gurek and second by William O’Gurek to accept the Work Leader report for the month of May 2015.** Motion opened to the floor for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council.

Tax Collector Report – Borough Secretary, Kira Steber, read the Tax collector report for the month of May 2015. Alice Kane submitted total taxes in the amount of \$270,742.44 with a commission of \$10,829.69. **Motion was made by William O’Gurek and second by Mike Kokinda to accept the tax collector report for the month of May 2015.** Motion was opened to the floor for comment, none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council.

Wage Tax Report - Borough Secretary, Kira Steber, read the Wage Tax Report for the month of May 2015. Berkheimer submitted a total EIT of \$27,422.58 with a commission of \$474.41 and postage charges of 22.89. Total LST submitted was \$1,069.71 with a commission of \$21.93 and postage charges of \$1.69. **Motion was made by John O’Gurek and second by Greg Kosciolek to accept the Wage Tax Report for the month of May 2015.** Motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council.

Receipts - Borough Secretary, Kira Steber, read the receipts for the month of May 2015. General Fund receipts were \$396,319.09, Sanitation Account receipts were \$35,561.06 and nothing for the Community Center receipts. **Motion was made by Greg Kosciolek and John O’Gurek to accept the Receipts for the month of May 2015.** Motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council.

Committee Reports –

Streets – John O’Gurek stated that paving has started in the Borough and will continue the rest of the week. He is not sure how much they have to spend but Kira is going to let him know. They will continue paving until they reach the amount of money they have to spend and then will just have to continue next year. Kira said that the workers are asking to purchase barricades. When the town has events and the streets need to be blocked off, they need to borrow barricades from other Borough's, pick them up and then return them. Mike Kokinda said he thought the last time they looked into it, they were expensive. Kira said she will do some research by the next meeting.

Buildings – Mike Kokinda stated that Kira is working on getting some quotes to have the HVAC maintenance done on the units at both buildings. They should be cleaned and charged. Kira added that they will service and check everything on the units.

Fire and Emergency Services - Nothing to report at this time.

Recreation – Jodi McAndrew informed Council that they had about 97 runners/walkers at the 5K and profited around \$3,000. She mentioned that they were discussing a Thirty-One bingo on September 20, 2015 and is asking Council permission to use the Community Center. Kira added that she already penciled them in the book for that date but suggested that they get permission from Council. She stated that because they are an entity of the Borough, they need permission due to insurance purposes. **Motion was made by Jesse Walck and second by Greg Kosciolek to grant the Summit Hill Recreation Commission permission to use the Hill Top Community Center on September 20, 2105 starting at 1:00 p.m. for a Thirty-One Bingo.** Motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council. Jodi said the Community Yard Sale will be July 11, 2015; it has been advertised. The grant is coming up and they had the grant inspector up to look things over. It wasn't a formal inspection, he was there to give ideas of what needed to be fixed and where to install equipment. Jodi asked if Council would be willing to tear down the pool shed and rip out the concrete slab that is sits on. If they agree to do this, they can potentially get another \$33,000 added to the grant. She also asked permission to get a couple of signs for the parks. Something on the lines of "If you see a problem, let us know". Just something to let people know who they can contact if they see any problems so they can be addressed right away. Maybe even get a sign that states it is under 24 hours surveillance. Kira will look into getting signs made. Kira also informed Council that the signs stating "no ball playing in the grass" have to be installed across the street.

Motion was made by John O’Gurek and second by Greg Kosciolek to accept Committee reports for the month of May 2015. Motion was opened to the floor for comment, none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council.

Communications

Communication for the Month of June 2015

1. Notice from Carbon County for a Public Meeting in regards to the 2015 Hazard Mitigation Plan on Wednesday, July 1, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at the Carbon County Emergency Building.
2. Notice of Property Assessment from the Board of Assessment and Revision of Taxes
3. Notice of Occupational Assessment from the Board of Assessment and Revision of Taxes
4. 2015 Tax Duplicate Change from the Board of Assessment and Revision of Taxes
5. 2015-2016 Legislative Directory
6. Information from MuniServices in regards to Business License Administration
7. BIA Bulletin Spring 2015 Newsletter
8. Summit Hill Firemen’s Relief Association Compliance Audit – May 2015
9. Annual Report of Municipal Authorities 2014 – Water Authority Audit
10. Judicial Sale information of properties sold in Summit Hill from the Carbon County Tax Claim Bureau

Motion was made by John O’Gurek and second by Greg Kosciolek to accept the Communications for the month of June 2015. Motion was opened to the floor for comment, none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council.

Bills – Borough Secretary, Kira Steber, read the expenses for the month of June 2015. Total General Fund Expenses were \$73,165.14, Total Sanitation Fund Expenses were \$23,848.19, Total Community Center Expenses were \$121.33 and Total Street Account Expenses were \$ 718.78. **Motion was made by John O’Gurek and second by William O’Gurek to pay the bills for the month of June 2015.** Motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council.

Old Business –

1. Heritage Center Request – Kira Steber stated that they received a letter last month asking for donation for their summer program. She spoke with Atty. Greek and he said that we cannot donate taxpayer’s monies to their program. Atty. Greek added that Council as a whole cannot donate but if each Council members wants to donate out of their own pockets, then they can do it.
2. American Red Cross Blood Drive - Kira Steber explained that the original date that Council approved was the same date they scheduled the joint sewer meeting. The new date they are looking at is August 3, 2015 from 1:00 - 6:00 p.m. **Motion was made by John O’Gurek and second by Greg Kosciolek to allow the American Red Cross to hold their blood drive at the Hill Top Community Center on August 3, 2015 from 1:00-6:00 p.m.** Motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council.
3. Special Meeting for Snow Ordinance - Kira Steber explained that the special meeting to be held to discuss the Snow Plowing Ordinance was originally scheduled for July 21st but that is the Water Authority’s meeting and they use the Council Room. Council told Kira to look at the calendar to schedule a new date for the meeting and email Council.

4. Quote to Repair Ford F-550 Dump Truck - John O'Gurek said that one day it is working, the next day it is not. They were using it today and it seemed ok. John said the pickup is done as well. They had looked at other but they were not worth the money they wanted for it. He feels we should put the repairs on hold and continue to look for something else. Michael Alabovitz gave an explanation of what is going on with the truck and why we are having problems. Jesse asked what it will cost to get a running vehicle. Alabovitz said he would say around \$60,000 for a new one and somewhere around \$30-\$35,000 for used. Jesse stated that we are dumping thousands of dollars into this truck each year. John said you have to look at the big picture, what is a vehicle worth if it is not running; spend the money to fix it. **Motion was made by Greg Kosciolk and second by Michael Alabovitz to approve the quote from Kovatch in the amount of \$9,345.52 to repair the Ford F-550 Dump Truck.** Motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made. Motion went to a roll call vote.

Michael Alabovitz	Yes
Greg Kosciolk	Yes
Jesse Walck	No
William O'Gurek	No
VP John O'Gurek	Yes
Pres. Mike Kokinda	Yes

Motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made. Motion carried by a 4-2 vote.

Bill Searfoss asked why the Borough needs three dump trucks. John O'Gurek explained that the smaller one is used for plowing and salting and cindering the allies. Michael Alabovitz added that it is used hard. They also use it for cold patching and for towing.

5. Garbage Account Request – Kira Steber said she got additional information in regards to the property located at 210 South Oak Street. Fairway Consumer Discount Company is the deed owner. The property was foreclosed on and the person who original held the mortgage wasn't paying it so it went up for Sheriff Sale in October 2014, with the deed being recorded in November 2014. Fairway went to the magistrate in April 2015 to have the previous owner evicted and they have until July 10th to get out of the property. They are willing to pay the base rate for the garbage but would like to have all penalties removed. Kira explained that the amount of penalties from 2013 until current would be \$250.00. John O'Gurek said if they are willing to pay and bring the account up to date, then let's waive the late fees. Atty. Greek explained that you cannot go after a new owner for penalties accrued on an account from a previous owner. If he is willing to pay the garbage rate, then take the money. **Motion was made by John O'Gurek and second by William O'Gurek to remove the penalties on the sanitation account for the property located at 210 South Oak Street.** Motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council. Jesse Walck opposed.
6. Joint Sewer-Borough Meeting – Mike Kokinda said that right now where we stand after the first meeting with the CLSH Sewer Authority and the other Boroughs, we need to decide if we want to proceed as a Borough or turn the sewer infrastructure over to the Sewer Authority. William O'Gurek stated that what he is not understanding is at the meeting in June it almost seemed like whatever decision we made now is fine but if we go jointly on the 537 Plan then we would be committing as one entity to proceed turning things over to the authority. Michael Alabovitz said that his understanding is that if we choose to stay as a joint authority we have to come up with a portion of the payment towards the 537 plan but if we turn everything over to the authority we have to come up with the full amount to pay for our own 537 plan. William feels that it is a smart decision for all three communities to do the plan together just for the cost standpoint. What he didn't understand, seemed that no matter what the findings of the study said, we will be committed as addressing it jointly rather than say 15% of the problems are from Summit Hill. Why couldn't Summit Hill address their 15% of the issues. If we decide to have the study done together now, two year down the road to finish, we are committed to doing it together. Alabovitz said he understand what he is saying but the Sewer Authority is a joint

authority and it's a plant we all own. If Coaldale and Lansford decide to fix all the problems that they have in town and plant still has overflow problems, they can say hey we fixed our problems now it is up to you. Fifty years ago everyone got together and decided to join a joint sewer authority so we all don't have to build individual plants and they also said we will take of everything and no one ever did. It is an ongoing problem. He feels the easiest thing to do is to let them take over the lines. Then it is a handful of people making the decision instead of people from every town. John O'Gurek said that the bottom line of this whole thing is if we turn everything over to the authority and it is under one entity, it will be easier for them to obtain a Pen Vest loan. DEP wants to deal with only one entity rather than four. People don't understand that this is not going to take place tomorrow. It will be almost two year until we know what plan we are going to do so we are looking at a 25 year project. Marc Collevecchio, Sewer Authority Board Member, said he thinks DEP wants it to be one entity 3-4 years before the plan goes to DEP. He feels it is a smart idea for the three communities to do the plan together so whatever the cost may be, it will be divided by three. John O'Gurek said he feels they should vote on it now and get them off everyone's back. Marc said the bottom line is that Council still appoints the members to the board so we are still answering to Council. Anything that you want to know or have meeting to discuss what it going on, you have that right. In reality, you are our bosses. John O'Gurek made a motion to turn everything over to the Sewer Authority. Jesse Walck said that isn't what they are asking for right now. His understanding is that they were looking for a resolution as to how we want to proceed not to turn over the lines. Marc said he isn't sure what the other towns are doing but he believes it all starts with the plan first. Atty. Greek explained that what they are looking for is a resolution to join the other municipalities and the sewer authority to do a joint Act 537 plan. If you do the joint plan and you are correct, once you are in, you are in. DEP is mandating this. If you choose to do your own Act 537 plan, then you are possibly looking at having to put your own sewage treatment plant in Summit Hill. You either do the Act 537 plan jointly or do it on your own, which could possibly lead to your own plant in town. You just don't know. John asked if we do the resolution are we locked in. Jesse said no but yes. **Motion was made by Jesse Walck and second by John O'Gurek to pass a resolution to join the regional Coaldale, Lansford, Summit Hill Sewer Authority Act 537 Plan.** Motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council. Mike Kokinda opposed.


New Business

1. Resolution #2 of 2015 – Kira Steber said that a resolution needs to be approved for the GTRP grant application for the Summit Hill Recreation Commission for the Ginder Field Rehabilitation project. **Motion was made by Jesse Walck and second by Michael Alabovitz to approve the Resolution #2 of 2015 requesting a Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program grant in the amount of \$138,155.00 for the Ginder Field Rehabilitation project.** Motion was opened to the floor for comment, none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council.
2. Handicap Parking Application – Kira Steber said there are two applications for renewal. Charles Ziegler, 105 East Amidon Street. **Motion was made by John O'Gurek and second by William O'Gurek to approve the handicap parking renewal for Charles Ziegler at 105 East Amidon Street.** Motion opened to the floor for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council. Kira explained the second one is for Susan Fritz, 233 East Fell Street. She is requesting to be waived from seeing a doctor yearly for her renewal application. She will still have to apply each year but she would not have to get a doctor to complete the form each year. **Motion was made by John O'Gurek and second by Michael Alabovitz to approve the handicap renewal for Susan Fritz at 233 East fell Street and waiving the doctor portion of the application each year.** Motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council.
3. Garbage Exemption – Kira Steber said she has one garbage exemption for 137 East Vernon Street. There is a zero balance on the account and it has been vacant for more than six months. **Motion**

was made by Jesse Walck and second by Greg Kosciolk to approve the garbage exemption for 137 East Vernon Street. Motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council.

4. Letter and Petition from Resident of the 300 Block of East Fell Street - Kira Steber explained that she was presented with a letter and a petition from the residents of the 300 block of East Fell Street in regards to the parking issues in Richards Avenue. John O'Gurek said there is a parking issue there and even on the side street. Maybe we can make the old basketball and tennis courts into a parking lot. Michael Alabovitz said a car has potential to be hit by a baseball if parked back there. Mike Kokinda mentioned that there are people coming from all over because of the different teams that they are now playing from different towns. Kira stated that most people have paid for lines and people are still parking there. Chief Fittos said it is a legitimate complaint. If there are lines painted, they are not supposed to park there. Also, there is no parking behind a garage allowed as well. John stated that they are not supposed to be there. Atty. Greek explained that if Council is going to have the police enforce it, they have to have an ordinance to post the street for no parking. John O'Gurek said we will table it until the next meeting.
5. Light on Flag Pole in Ludlow Park - Kira Steber explained that she received a phone call from Robert Siesputowski stating that he would like to see an American flag on the pole across the street from the Parkview as well as the flag that is already there. Kira stated that she told him that we cannot fly an American flag without a light on it and Council would have to make that decision to put a light there. Michael Alabovitz expressed his concern about the pole stating that it is not safe. Tom Tkach said there is currently a flag on the pole. Kira said gentleman who installs flag poles for a living stopped by and looked at it and stated that the pole itself was safe but the facade around the pole should be repaired. Alabovitz said that he remembers the fire company having to do something with that pole years ago and it wasn't safe then. So unless someone looks at the pole and tells him that it is structurally sounds, he says it is unsafe and the flag shouldn't even be on the pole.
6. Adult Basketball League – Kira Steber said that an adult basketball league has started and they would like to use the courts on Amidon Street on Sundays and Thursdays. Mike Kokinda said that they do not need permission to use the courts.
7. Part-Time Police Pay Rates - Chief Fittos stated that the pay scale for our police department is low compared to other towns and we need to bump up the rate if we want to keep part-timers around. A brief discussion took place as to what to raise the rate to. **Motion was made by Michael Alabovitz and second by John O'Gurek to raise the pay rate for part-time police officers to \$17.00 an hour and after working one consecutive year, without calling off for a scheduled shift, the rate will increase to \$18.00. This will be in effect starting July 1, 2015.** Motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council.
8. Kira Steber wanted to remind everyone that the Summit Hill Hootenanny will be held this Sunday starting at 11:00 a.m. in Ludlow Park.

Motion was made by Greg Kosciolk and second by Michael Alabovitz to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. until the next regular schedule meeting of the Summit Hill Borough on July 27, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. Motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council.


Mike Kokinda
Council President


Kira Steber
Secretary/Treasurer