

SHIPPENSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL

March 19, 2019

6:00 p.m.

Present at the Council Meeting: Andrea Lage
Bruce Hockersmith
Sandra Mailey
John Alosi
Keith Swartz
Mitchell Burrows
Kathy Coy, Mayor
Sam Wisner, Solicitor

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE COUNCIL

THE MAYOR'S MOMENT OF SILENCE

REPORTS

Mayor Coy reported that Josh Fritz has contacted her asking for assistance from Council to help get some lighting at the stadium at Doc Norcross. The Mayor went on to explain that during the windstorm the poles came out and did some major damage to the tune of over \$100,000. Councilperson Burrows stated that the system that they had in prior to the storm was grandfathered in because of how long it has been up and since it was damaged in order to repair it they have to replace all of it with what is now up to code because it would no longer be grandfathered in. Solicitor Wisner asked if they did not have insurance? Councilperson Burrows reported that because of the way it was set up before it would not have been covered.

The Mayor went on to state that she met with Dr. Carter at the University and it seems that they are moving in the same direction with the University in training their students to be community oriented and running a program telling them to get acquainted with their neighbors and trying hard to be community minded.

Mayor Coy also reported that she met with the Chief of Police, Steve Brenize, and Ted Wise regarding park benches behind the police station. She further stated that she attended a workshop with the Chief regarding internships and hope to secure some criminal justice interns. Mayor Coy also reported that she was asked to serve on the SCRC Communities that Care Key Leadership Program and under that leadership the key groups are youth involvement, resource assessment and evaluation, and risk and protective factor assessments.

The Mayor went on to report that she will be speaking at the Casino board on Monday and if anyone cares to include anything let her or Bruce know. She further reported that she has met with the Collier's again and are having continued positive talks with them regarding their properties. The Mayor also reported that she will be attending the graduation program for D.A.R.E. tomorrow at the Intermediate School. Mayor Coy stated that she met with a young lady regarding medicinal marijuana and she would be willing to come to Council if they are ever interested in speaking with her. She further reported that she was asked to sit on the Chamber board and she will be meeting with a couple next week to talk about marrying them.

President Lage reported that there is nothing to report for the Finance/Budget Committee, and in regards to personnel there are various issues to discuss in executive session but nothing to report at this point.

Councilperson Burrows reported that in regards to Long Range Planning, Council needs to determine where they would like the bicycle rack to be for the municipal building park and he will have installed this weekend. Councilperson Burrows reported that this particular donation was through the Revitalization Bicycle Friendly Shippensburg Initiative and this sponsor is the Parks and Rec Authority. Mitchell further reported that he will be going before the school board to talk conceptually about revitalization downtown which will include some of the previous conversations that they have had with long range planning concerning a LERTA and other possible actions that they could take and a collaborative effort to take Shippensburg to the 21st Century.

Chief Dominick reported that since January 1st to date they have responded or handled 1,220 calls for service in the borough. She stated that they are still investigating the unattended death that occurred where the body was found next to the parking garage and still do not have a cause of death but awaiting the autopsy results. The Chief went on to report that yesterday they had a heroin overdose. She further stated that since the schools have launched their Safe to Say Initiative they have only had one call, but unfortunately sexting cases have been plaguing them in the middle school and high school and the officers have been spending a lot of time in the school dealing with those. The Chief went on to report that yesterday she conducted a safety training for AARP folks at the First Church of God Annex with approximately 15-20 attendees. Chief Dominick stated that they are seeing an uptick in scams on phones using the social security administration, etc., and so she did some training with them so they could be educated on how to handle those calls.

Fire Chief O'Donnell reported that the only thing he wanted to add to his report is that next month he will be sending an email on the partnership and how things are going along. He stated that so far everything is going really well. Randy went on to state that they are very excited about the program they will be starting at the end of the month which is the officer development for their younger officers and the people who are up coming. He further stated that in regards to the outreach at the University, they have been trying to make contact because their college student volunteers are way down. Chief O'Donnell stated that they used to get about 15 college volunteers a year and they are down to 3 right now and it has made a huge impact on the department.

Kevin Plasterer reported that everything at the Wastewater Treatment Plant is going smoothly and they are up to date on all of their permits. He went on to state that back in 2015 he and John Epley applied for a Green Light Go Program grant and they finally received the funds and now every red and green signal will be an LED signal. Mr. Plasterer stated that the ones that are in there now are 14 years old and he was told they have a 10 year life span so they plan to get started on replacing those next week.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Becky Myers, stated that she appreciates all of the little saplings that have been put out at the park and there are two that are next to the swing at the senior center and one of those is dead and the other one will take forever to become a shade tree. Mrs. Myers stated that she is asking if Council would request the Shade Tree Commission to put a decent sized tree in there that can be used soon for shade. President Lage stated that they will look into that.

CITIZEN APPEALS

Diana Nazario, Senior Center Director reported that she approached Kevin a few weeks ago about getting a clothing donation bin installed in their parking lot and he told her that it was denied by Council. Mrs. Nazario stated that she is back here asking that they reconsider. Mrs. Nazario explained that it is a benefit for the seniors to have it and she is aware that the biggest issue is that they are used as a garbage dump. She stated that they agree that they will maintain it and make sure it stays clean. Mrs. Nazario went on to explain if they are able to get the bin they are able to apply for a grant for \$1,000/year plus they get a percentage of the items they pick up in addition to \$300 vouchers quarterly which would go towards the center's needs. Mayor Coy asked if they had the manpower if someone dropped off a sofa or mattress to dispose of them? Mrs. Nazario stated yes, she will have her husband come and remove the items and they would be responsible to make sure that they maintain it. President Lage asked that if the idea is that by the time they close up they would be fairly certain that there wouldn't be anything sitting around by those bins. Mrs. Nazario stated yes, and they are aware that through the evenings things could be dropped off but they will check the bin the first thing in the morning. Diana further stated that if they see that it is going in the wrong direction they will reconsider and have it taken out. Councilperson Swartz stated that he would be ok with it for a trial period and see how it goes. Councilperson Alosi and Councilperson Mailey both agreed that they would be fine with a trial period. President Lage recommended a trial period until September and then they re-evaluate. Solicitor Wisner asked Council members if they have any location stipulations on the site? Kevin stated that the ideal location would be on this side of the building due to the cameras that they have. Council members agreed to allow management to work it out. Mrs. Nazario stated that she appreciates Kevin and all he has done for them and that he has made her transition into director very easy.

BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 5, 2019 MEETING

Councilperson Mitchell Burrows moved to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2019, meeting as submitted. Motion seconded by Councilperson Keith Swartz. Motion carried 6-0.

DISCUSSION ON PARK PLACE WATER ISSUES

Kevin Plasterer reported that he has been asked to do some more research on the Park Place issues which he has done quite a bit of. Mr. Plasterer reported that the information he is going to provide is from the April 1993, May 1993, and September 1996, Council meeting minutes. Kevin reported that only two remaining residents have lived in Park Place since 1993 in the affected area. He stated that the sewer plant had found at that time that there were roof drains, floor drains, and sump pumps that were connected into the sewer line back in 1993 which was causing a lot of infiltration into the sewer lines which overloaded the pumping station on the other side of the railroad tracks. Mr. Plasterer went on to report that Council then decided to replace the sewer line going down Park Place and remove the floor drains, roof drains and sump pumps going into the sewer. He reported that at a meeting in 1993, Dan Devitis, from the Earth and Geography Department at SU, stated that from the general topographics surrounding Park Place this area lies in the lowest possible position, then in 1994 the school district made repairs to their retention basin to help correct problems with the Baker and Russell resident's storm water issues. Kevin went on to read that in the 1996 minutes they state that several sinkholes were formed on Eberly Drive and filled in by the Borough which would reduce future stormwater from entering those sinkholes, and then at the March 6, 1996, minutes Dwayne DelGrande who was the borough's engineer, stated that extraordinary flooding occurred downstream of the high school basin during January 1996 and Justine Wallack's property was flooded and the stormwater was in her garage. Kevin stated that Ms. Wallack is no longer there but the current owner has sandbags around the house right now. Mr. Plasterer went on with reading Mr. DelGrande's comments stating that the soil survey data indicates that the area's soil drains very poorly. Kevin stated that he went to Forest Myer's well in his back yard and looked at the water table that was in the well which is 22 inches from the ground height and the pump is at 300 ft. and the well is 432 ft. He also stated that the High School also has a well so he contacted the maintenance director at school to see where their water table was and he said theirs was 26" from the ground height down. Mr. Plasterer further reported that the Borough has a well and back in 2016 it was roughly 34 ft. and it is currently at 101 ft. Kevin also reviewed photos with the Council members and guests of various areas such as Volvo, behind Witter's Farm, Kaphoe, etc.

Dr. Christopher Woltemade, professor in the Geography and Earth Science Department at Shippensburg University for the past 25 years, explained that he has been working on issues and flooding for 30 years and he has been looking at the area around Shippensburg for 25 years and has done some work with the Borough of Chambersburg on their stormwater management which gives him a lot of background information that could shed a little light on some of the issues that the residents at Park Place are having. Dr. Woltemade went on to state that he does sympathize with what they are going through but he would like people to understand that it is not just their neighborhood but areas all over Shippensburg with the same issues. Dr. Woltemade presented a Power Point presentation for

Council and the residents which provided the rainfall amounts in Shippensburg that the University has been collecting for 85 years. He went on to report that the average yearly rainfall is about 40 inches and last year was 63 inches which has only happened once before in 1996 and before that they have to go back to 1937 to see anything like that so in 85 years they have really only had two years that were like last year which is off the charts in regard to how much rain we have had. Dr. Woltemade explained what happens to the rainwater and how plants use it, how it affects the water table, etc. He went on to explain that what he does in hydrology is to look at that rainfall and ask what is happening to it, how much of it soaks into the ground, how much runs off to become water in streams, how much of it goes into the ground water, etc. Dr. Woltemade went on to explain that to do that they have to look at the entire cycle of everything that is out in the environment and the diagram he provided shows all of the options, which include plants using water mostly in the summertime because it really shuts down in the winter months but that is mostly what happens to the water during the growing season. Dr. Woltemade further stated that other than that big chunk of what happens to the rain, most of the rest of it ends up in the ground water so they then calculate where the 63 inches of rain that we received last year went and think about what it is doing in the local landscape. He went on to explain that the average for 6 months of surplus or extra water that is not being used by the plants is about 14" and what we had last year to this February was 28" of surplus water which is double what the average is. Following a lengthy discussion, Dr. Woltemade went on to state that 2018 was off the charts unusual and the chances that 2019 will be like that again are pretty small and we should come back to something much closer to normal.

Becky Myers stated that people are pumping and re-pumping and the water is not moving anywhere but the other issue is the stormwater. Mrs. Myers went on to state that they get a huge amount of stormwater because everything around them is being directed towards their neighborhood which just adds insult to injury. Dr. Woltemade stated that doesn't think they can explain months and months of problems from a particular rain event that creates a surface water problem and it is much bigger than that. Forest Myers stated that he would agree that the ground water is high and we have had a lot of rain but that doesn't explain why the field behind Pablo and the field behind Dr. Harpster has had water for 6 months which it never has had since they lived there since 1985 and it is so much stormwater that is coming down behind Pablo's house into the retention basin at Volvo that the ground cannot handle it but it is all being dumped from parking lots and school buildings and everything above them upstream. Mr. Myers went on to state that he would agree that it is not just the storm water or the water table but he believes the problem is a regional problem and he would ask Council to partner with Southampton Township Franklin County, the School District, and Volvo and commission a study of the entire basin that filters down into there. Mr. Myers further explained that he went to Franklin County and got all the plans that came out of the school district, Volvo and Ingersoll Rand before that and every one of them have a little piece here or there with a retention basin here and something else there and no one ever looked at the whole picture and the solution to the problem could be that they stop building these little band aids all over the area that we think are going to resolve the problem. Forest also stated that there is a document that was recorded after Volvo did their last project that says they are responsible to maintain that facility that they built in a condition that it was built as and they are required to inspect it twice a year and also not supposed to plant grass but instead saw grass only,

which is on the plan and it is in the permit document that they filed in the courthouse that they are required to do and he can assure Council that it has been violated by Volvo. Mr. Myers went on to state that he would like to know if anyone has ever checked to see if the drainage pipe is clear, or if the culvert is clear and still open. Dr. Woltemade stated that Forest has a lot of good points and he can appreciate the level of frustration that residents in that neighborhood are dealing with and he cannot speak to the technical issues with Volvo but he just wanted to make the distinction of what happens with surface water and what happens over months with ground water and are dealt with in different ways. He further stated that whatever can be done with drainage issues and the surface water issues may address some things but it is not going to address the bigger issue of the water table being 2 ft. below the surface.

Steve Brenize, 211 Ridge Avenue, stated that where the issue is, is that when they do planning it doesn't really account for this extreme weather and the planning is based on something that is not quite this amount. Bill Kick stated that that is partially true but the planning that is done for stormwater management design doesn't address issues of a high ground water table except that if they are going to build controls that are going to infiltrate into the stormwater and they have to make sure that there is ability to do that and that the soil can support the amount of water that they intend to put in the ground. Mr. Kick stated that it is true that it really doesn't deal with this but it really doesn't even contemplate it beyond that as a limiting factor to something that they might design. Bill further stated that Forest talked about the approach that has been used by putting a control here and here as it has developed and that is true, however stormwater management primarily deals with what you are creating or generating on your property and the evaluation of the downstream area is really limited to the velocity or flows that are going to affect that area and the volume and rate at which you are going to discharge on the neighboring properties. Mr. Kick stated that it is true that there has never been a regional approach but that has never been a requirement of any ordinance. Bill further stated that the water they are currently pumping is the ground water issue because we have not had precipitation, and as he said at the last meeting that while there may be some things that could be done to improve drainage conditions at the surface, it would only address the conditions that occurred during the storm and occurring shortly thereafter and would not do anything to address the greater issue which is the large regional area affecting the ground water table.

Pablo Delis, 142 Park Place West, stated that he moved to the neighborhood in 2002 and from then until now he has noticed a huge change when it rains from when he moved in that seemed to change after the paving of the parking lot next to the soccer field and the football field. Mr. Delis stated that he noticed a difference in the way the water was running to his property, through his property and making a lake behind his house which has gotten a lot worse in the last 6 years and he has spent several days cleaning up the last of the three fallen trees in his back yard that rotted from the amount of water they have been sitting in. Mr. Delis went on to state that to him some of the changes made to the stormwater has had an effect that he has noticed without being a hydrologist or an engineer. He went on to state that he feels the situation of their neighborhood needs a detailed study as suggested and he feels it is the right thing to do.

Harold Best, 138 Park Place West, stated that he still has Niagara Falls in his basement and the cracks in his walls and has lived in this town since 1949 and he would like to stay but he knows they have a problem and band aids are not going to take care of it and he feels they need to do more than that.

Celica Masney, 135 Park Place West, stated that she keeps hearing what is causing the problem but she hasn't had anyone suggest any solutions to their problem. Mrs. Masney stated that even if it is ground water she has no idea what they can do to help it and she feels there has to be something more than just explaining to them what is causing it. President Lage stated that one of the things is that they have to understand where it is coming from and she appreciates Becky's point that there may be two different issues but one of the big things that they were hearing about were the sump pumps going in the basement and that that was wearing and one of the issues that people really need relief on and so much of the investigation has been to look at what is causing that and if there is anything that can be done to give relief on this 24/7 sump pump. The President further stated that unfortunately what they are hearing is for the pumping of the basements is at a scale that we have no control over and that we cannot help with because of the water table is at their basement level so there is likely going to be water in their basements.

Tracy Smith, stated that just listening to how the water travels underground and going to the lowest point she would like to know if they are pumping all of that water from all around them into their neighborhood and it goes into the basin with no place to go except down because it is not draining properly does it create a bottle neck beneath it since they now have more water that they are adding along with all the water coming underground is jamming it up a bit and causes it to stall? Dr. Woltemade responded that there is a fault line that runs through this area called the Shippensburg Fault and Dykeman Spring is on that fault with lots of documentation stating that the water moves until it hits that fault and it wants to come up to the surface and that is part of the reason they have Dykeman Spring where they do. Christopher stated that if you trace that fault line it runs right to the end of Park Place and so there are some geologic structural issues that also explain part of what is going on there. He further stated that when they talk about a bottle neck in that neighborhood he feels that yes there is a geologic reason beyond just being a low spot that they have really significant problems there. Tracy Smith stated that surface water has an affect and she wants to know who it has to impact for it to matter? President Lage stated that it is not that it doesn't matter but that they are trying to look at what some solutions are that they can do and if they are asking them to do something about what is happening at this current moment she is not hearing from the people that we can consult that there is much. President Lage further stated that she is open to ideas but she hasn't heard anything. Councilperson Alosi stated that as far as the stormwater that is coming from upstream on Rt. 11, the school district, etc., he asked if there is any possible way that it could be collected before it gets down to the park and use some kind of aqua duct to move it further downstream? Councilperson Burrows stated thanked Dr. Woltemade for coming and explaining things more fully to Council. Mitchell stated that what he is understanding is that the recharge area of the ground water and the idea that they are sitting is like a property on a lake and pumping it out of your property onto the lake but what is hard to understand is that if you pump it out, send it down a mile and then drop it and you are still dropping it into the same lake they are still going to see those affects even at their property and that is something

they are fighting forever when there is a high water table. Councilperson Burrows further stated that what Forest mentioned about Volvo is something real and tangible and something they can look at and see if they are in fault with what their permit requires and if it is an issue they can have it corrected and investigate whether it has any relief for the water but if the water is flowing out and is still not capable of going anywhere because of the water table being so high it might not make any immediate relief. Councilperson Burrows stated that because ground water isn't something they can tackle, addressing some of the standing water, the pooling water, and the rivers that seem to not be going anywhere might be the best thing that they can try to attack right away.

Mayor Coy stated that she would be willing to get a group together to do a regional type situation that hear these issues and everyone is aware of so that going forward if there is an issue with someone building they can see how it does affect things regionally.

Councilperson Swartz stated that he appreciates the comments that Forest brought up about Volvo being required to check the drainage twice a year, and possibly they can get a copy of the requirements of Volvo and the drainage requirements from the School District and the upstream folks. Keith stated that since their last meeting he took two trips out to Kaphoe and he is looking at the drainage swale coming in which appears to be downhill from Kaphoe and he does feel that there is a clog in the surface drainage so he is wondering if they can work closely with Southampton Franklin to make sure that there is nothing wrong with the drainage on their side of things? Kevin Plasterer reported that he has spoken with them and they have said that they have stormwater issues out there and they hope that we don't change anything on our end that would increase the flow into their development but if someone is in the wrong it needs corrected.

Jodi Harpster stated that he would like to reinforce the regional plan to look at it and if they do not look at it regionally all they are doing is waiting for another significant event to happen and they will be forced to face it, so he would encourage Council to look at whatever they can do to bring regional partners together.

Kevin Plasterer reported that all of the water comes from Rt. 11 through Fisher's Auto Parts store down through Park Place and the borough did put that blacktop lip in which he does agree needs to come out for the short term thunder storms which will help to keep water onto the ball field verses coming down Park Place.

Forest Myers stated that Bill Kick made the comment that when someone makes changes to their property they are required to get stormwater approvals so he is wondering if there was a stormwater plan done when the curb was put in or when the parking lot was paved? Bill Kick stated that he is not sure and while removing the curb will get some water off of the street during a storm, wherever it is diverted and lays it will be going into the ground water table so they will need to decide if they like it less being in their street during the rain storm or do they like it less being in their basement because it has soaked into the ball field. President Lage stated that under normal circumstances the water table isn't so high and the infiltration from the ball fields would be acceptable because it wouldn't

necessarily lead to water in the basements. Bill Kick stated yes, but the water table becomes an issue when it is high and that is when they are going to contribute more to it and not want it to be there.

Councilperson Hockersmith stated that one thing that they can assure the residents is that we can look at each one of these drainage areas and assure that they are maintained as they were planned.

Tracy Smith stated that on February 5, 2019, when the residents first brought this to Council, it was discussed that Volvo was supposed to put a swale on their property which was part of their plan and at the Council meeting they agreed to find out why the swale was never done and to enforce it and they are a month later and it is still not done. Councilperson Swartz stated that Council did not agree to put a swale in. Kevin stated that what was discussed was that they would look into that swale behind Darlene Weaver's property and once the snow melts they would get the survey crew in and they also said nothing will be done until it is dried up. Solicitor Wiser stated that if there was any earth moving activities necessitated by what Volvo found it would not be able to happen until the ground was suitable. Ms. Smith asked what the status is of the survey? Kevin stated that it has not been done yet. President Lage stated that she feels they need to follow up with Volvo on the maintenance of what they have first.

Lisa Feasley, 3 Eberly Drive, reported that she does not have the pumping issues because she does not have a basement, but she is across from the nice culvert that 3 Eberly Drive has and the last time she was present she was told it doesn't go anywhere so she would like to know if they found out where it goes because there is a ton of run off that is coming from Rt. 11 and above them. Ms. Feasley went on to state that she feels they need to do the study to determine where the surface run off is coming from and she understands that they cannot do anything about the ground water and that it is just going to have to dry out but the surface water can be addressed. Ms. Feasley went on to state that she feels it is a safety issue to the students walking in that area to school and is concerned that it will create a sinkhole in the area as well. Mr. Plasterer reported that when he researched the minutes from 1989 the catch basin she is referring to was a sinkhole which was 18 ft. deep and it was filled in like a French drain and the school, Rt. 11, Kathy's Deli, etc., all come down to that catch basin so when the ground is so saturated it fills up quicker than it normally does so at times it may disperse into that 18 ft. sinkhole and they have no problems and when there are several storms it fills up quicker and comes back up onto the road. Ms. Feasley suggested someone check the catch basin to be sure it is working properly and there is nothing blocking it.

President Lage stated that what she is hearing is that they will do a follow up on the existing storm water and will talk with Volvo to make sure that they are maintaining their areas and that they will check their systems and will make sure that there is flow through the existing stormwater drains and culverts that exist and they will look into what the stormwater patterns are and what can be done on stormwater flow. The President went on to state that they have already stated that they will be looking at and removing the macadam curb that was put in so that in summer events that water has a chance to go over to the ball field and recognizing that it does increase infiltration of that water.

Mayor Coy stated that they do feel their frustrations and at the level of not understanding what they can do for it and if any of the residents have a solution that they can offer it would be considered.

Kevin Plasterer that as far as he knows there was not a plan for the parking lot but close to half of the parking lot is diverted to the railroad track side and the other half is coming to this side and then they decided to put that macadam lip in an when the water came off the parking lot it came right down to Park Place. Mr. Plasterer went on to state that if they remove the lip it will probably take most of the water and put it on to the ball field which no one has a problem with now like they did 10 years ago and he is willing to remove the lip.

DISCUSSION ON OPEN CONTAINER

Councilperson Swartz stated that he is still gathering information and he did have a conversation with the Erie, PA's government and they told him to work with the PA Liquor Control Enforcement and he has been in touch with them to try to arrange a meeting. Councilperson Burrows reported that he and Councilperson Swartz have obtained some information for different bars and restaurants in Erie and they are very good at screening their calls so he only heard back from one person who did not offer any information, so they are still gathering information.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE SHIPPENSBURG HISTORIC ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD FOR THE FOLLOWING:

80 WEST KING STREET; JANET ROSE; REPLACE WINDOWS ON FRONT OF THE HOUSE

Councilperson Sandra Mailey moved to approve the application of Janet Rose for her property located at 80 West King Street to install replacement windows on the front of the house. Motion seconded by Councilperson Mitchell Burrows. Motion carried 6-0.

20 WEST KING STREET; STEVEN & VIRGINIA COOVER; INSTALL NEW BUSINESS SIGN AND REMOVE STURGIS SIGN

Councilperson Bruce Hockersmith moved to approve the permit application of Steven and Virginia Coover for their property located at 20 West King Street to install a new business sign and remove the existing "Sturgis" sign. Motion seconded by Councilperson Keith Swartz. Councilperson Alosi stated that he doesn't see any reason why the Sturgis sign should be removed since it was a landmark. Councilperson Hockersmith stated that the civil war sign in front of the Sturgis house will not be removed it just the sign on the house itself. Motion carried 6-0.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THE REVISED REQUEST FROM COUNCILPERSON HOCKERSMITH TO ATTEND PSB ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN HERSHEY

Councilperson Mitchell Burrows moved to approve the revised request. Motion seconded by Councilperson Keith Swartz. Councilperson Burrows stated that he feels it is very important that they have developmental policies in place for both Council members, administrators and members of our government and that they should somewhere in their budget line next year designate a set amount that should be used specifically for signing up for these processes and they should have a policy in place to either encourage or discourage or have some definition of when lodging would also be applicable to that fund. Councilperson Hockersmith stated that is what he thought was going to happen last year because he thought they had discussed it earlier. Motion carried 4-1-1 with President Lage voting No and Councilperson Bruce Hockersmith abstaining.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN MENNO HAVEN AND SOUTHAMPTON FRANKIN TWP., SOUTHAMPTON CUMBERLAND TWP., SHIPPENSBURG TWP., AND SHIPPENSBURG BOROUGH

Councilperson Keith Swartz moved to approve the inter-municipal agreement. Motion seconded by Councilperson Sandra Mailey. President Lage asked if this automatically renews for one year and they re-calculate the amount or does the amount stay the same for two years? Solicitor Wiser stated that he read it as the amount staying the same unless it was terminated by the parties. President Lage stated that in terms of the amount she would like to have clarified whether or not we will be getting a different bill in the second year than in the first year. Solicitor Wiser stated that they would have to provide that to Council prior to the November 15th timeline and if it goes up substantially they could withdraw. The Solicitor went on to report that they have to submit the re-calculation by September so Council would have two months to decide if they are going to get out. President Lage stated that she would propose that Council accept it but with terms of what their expectations are and what their understanding is and if everyone else sees it differently they would need to clarify. Kevin stated that he will get clarification. Motion carried 6-0.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THE REQUEST OF THE FIRE POLICE TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE FOR TED WISER DURING THE CAR SHOW ON KING STREET ON MAY 18, 2019, IF AVAILABLE

Councilperson Mitchell Burrows moved to approve the request of the use of the fire police for the car show. Motion seconded by Councilperson Sandra Mailey. Motion carried 6-0.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE AWARDING 2019 WOCOG TRAFFIC LINE PAINTING TO MIDLANTIC MARKING; (LOWEST BIDDER)

The President explained that the COG bid this project out and Midlantic was the low bidder and Council would be voting to accept them as our line painter. Kevin Plasterer reported that for this year and at the last COG meeting he did bring up to them that we had some issues with Midlantic Marking over the last 6 to 10 years. Kevin stated that he made a suggestion to the COG that from this day forward that they keep track of any issues that they have had with this company and then next year when we go out for bids every borough or township has the right to choose someone else because of

the previous known issues and the COG agreed to that. President Lage asked Kevin if he is ok with using them for 2019? Kevin stated yes. Councilperson John Alosi moved to approve awarding 2019 WCCOG traffic line painting to Midlantic Marking as the lowest bidder. Motion seconded by Councilperson Mitchell Burrows. Motion carried 6-0.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE AWARDING 2019 WCCOG ROAD MATERIAL TO PENNSY SUPPLY (LOWEST BIDDER)

Councilperson Bruce Hockersmith moved to award road material bid to Pennsy Supply. Motion seconded by Councilperson Keith Swartz. Kevin stated for the record he will use Pennsy as much as he can but he has the right to use Costars through Valley Quarries and if for some reason Pennsy cannot make what he needs or get to him in time he has the right to go to Valley Quarries for Costar pricing. President Lage asked if it would be useful to have a motion that acknowledges Pennsy as the low bidder but also that Kevin has the option to use the Costars? Kevin stated yes, if he finds out that Valley is something like \$1.50 cheaper per ton for stone he will go there and the COG is aware of it. Councilperson Hockersmith amended his motion to add that the manager has the option to also use Valley Quarries through Costars. Motion carried 6-0.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE 2019 STREET PAVING LIST

Councilperson Mailey asked why Franklin Heights is listed bit by bit instead of just the entire street? Kevin stated that Liquid Fuels spells out distance wise per block. Councilperson Mitchell Burrows moved to approve the 2019 Street Paving List. Motion seconded by Councilperson Sandra Mailey. Councilperson Swartz asked if they are on target as far as the cost with what as expected? Kevin stated yes. Motion carried 6-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Lage reported that Council does have an executive session to discuss issues about personnel, litigation, public safety, and contractual issues as well. Council went into executive session at 8:16 p.m. and returned at 9:17 p.m.

Councilperson Mitchell Burrows moved to have Kevin look into organizing the sanitation department and provide alternatives. Motion seconded by Councilperson Bruce Hockersmith. Motion carried 6-0.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE AN EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT FOR BOROUGH MANAGER

The President reported that coming out of discussions there is a minor change that they would like to make to the contract and Council would like to make the change that the life insurance will be set at the nearest \$10,000 value equivalent to the salary of the manager. Councilperson Mitchell Burrows moved to make the change to the life insurance and with that amendment to approve the contract for

the Borough Manager. Motion seconded by Councilperson Bruce Hockersmith. President Lage reported that the Borough Manager that they are very enthusiastically hiring is Kevin Plasterer. Motion carried 6-0. President Lage stated Council would like to make a pledge that they recognize that they have had past managers that were overwhelmed and that they recognized that there needed to be support for the manager so they are working to make sure that there is adequate staffing underneath the manager so that this is a doable job.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT FOR WATER DEPARTMENT MANAGER

Councilperson Keith Swartz moved to approve the employment contract for a Water Department Manager. Motion seconded by Councilperson Sandra Mailey. President Lage stated that the person they are looking to hire is Matthew Drawbaugh. Motion carried 6-0.

OTHER BUSINESS

Councilperson Swartz stated that he was asked by a resident if they are permitted to use a metal detector on Borough property, specifically Dykeman Spring. Solicitor Wiser stated that, that is Park and Rec leased property so they would need to check with Park and Rec on their policies. Councilperson Swartz stated that they talk about blight downtown and he is wondering what is happening with the old army surplus store. Council members were not sure what is happening with that property.

Councilperson Burrows reported that the Trail Fest will be April 27th and the biggest difference from last year is that it is completely open to everyone with no tickets needing to be purchased.

Mayor Coy asked where we stand with the grant for the sidewalk on Earl Street at Fort and Earl? President Lage reported that the official record is that they haven't heard anything yet because that committee has cancelled several months running but the unofficial word is, is that if you haven't heard unofficially that you got it you probably didn't get it. The President went on to state that she thought we had applied for CDBG funds to extend the sidewalk so we should be hearing about that fairly soon and then the hope was to piece the money from the newest CDBG application together with funds that we have for pedestrian signalization to create the crosswalk as well as the sidewalk. Kevin asked if they should worry about getting the right of ways because they are going to have to get from two or three property owners to put sidewalk down along Earl Street on their property. President Lage stated it wouldn't hurt to start the approach.

President Lage stated that we have been hearing a lot about stormwater and in light of that she feels that our current ordinance is greatly out of date so the Solicitor has provided a start of a more contemporary ordinance that would amend our current one and it would create a separate stormwater ordinance as well as change some of the construction guidelines. The President also stated that the proposal has been forwarded on to Bill Kick who pointed out that there are a couple of things that as our engineers they would recommend that they look at in more depth. President Lage asked Council members if they would be willing to approve a few hours of Bill looking to adapt what we sent to him

which was just the model ordinance from the State so that it can be presented to the Planning Commission at their April meeting so they can move forward and try to amend this and bring our current ordinance up to date. Councilperson Keith Swartz moved to approve Bill Kick to look at the model to adapt it to our needs. Motion seconded by Councilperson Sandra Mailey. Solicitor Wisner explained that the ordinance will make them compliant with the MS-4 requirements as well. Motion carried 6-0.

Councilperson Alosi stated that he was on the corner of Morris and West King Street on the Cumberland County side of the street and the crosswalk light did not work. President Lage stated that there is also an issue with the one at Queen and Orange Street as well. Kevin stated he will check them.

Councilperson Hockersmith stated that at the intersection of North Apple Avenue and East Martin Avenue there is a utility pole that needs checked because it appears that the pole has come loose.

Kevin Plasterer asked Council what they would like him to do with the lip by ball field #1? President Lage suggested just taking the lip off and see what happens in the summer storms.

Kevin also reported that as part of the Green Light Go Program he received 4 battery backup units to put onto the traffic signals. He stated that he has chosen Queen on King, King and Earl, King and Fayette, and King and Morris, but what it consists of is a silver cabinet that is not quite as big as what is there now and will go up above the ped signals.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Councilperson Burrows moved to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 9:38 p.m.