

SELINGROVE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, AUGUST 7, 2006 - 7:00 P.M.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Pres. C. Handlan, V. Pres. W. Reuning, C/P D. Anderson, C/P J. Herb, C/P W. Hetherington, C/P M. Inch, and C/P D. Mengel

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Solicitor R. Cravitz; Mgr. J. Bickhart; Mayor P. Carroll; Police Chief T. Garlock; Borough Treasurer Sheri Badman; Recording Secretary Dawne Long; DH&L Representative Jason Kaufman; DH&L Ambulance League Representatives Gary Griner and Chris Michaels; Daily Item Reporter Marcia Moore; Borough Businessman Brian Farrell with Ian Van Pelt; Borough Residents Brian Groce, Joseph and Margaret Siro, Arthur Watt; Parks and Recreation Commission Chairman Dick Norman; Shade Tree Commission Chairman Karl Maul

OTHERS ABSENT: None

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES FROM MEETING OF JULY 11, 2006:

Motion by C/P Inch to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by C/P Hetherington.

AYES: SEVEN (7) NAYS: NONE MOTION CARRIED

VISITORS TO BE HEARD:

Borough Police Chief, Thomas Garlock – Presentation of Semi-Annual Police Report for 2006 including Police Report for June 2006 – Chief Garlock stated the June report is included in the semi-annual report which covers the months of January through June. He will make sure Council gets a copy of the actual June report. The 2006 volume of calls to date is considerably higher than in prior years. While serious crime is actually less this year than last year it has been increasing over a five-year average. The July statistics show the gap closing. Less serious crime is higher this year than last year. These are crimes in which the officers themselves encounter more crimes than what is reported by citizens. The underage drinking numbers are down. Chief Garlock noted that the report does not reflect the total number of arrests but rather the total number of incidents. For instance a party with 12 arrests is considered one incident. The state counts these differently, counting 12 arrests as 12 incidents. The number of arrests that have been made is comparable to or slightly higher than previous years and this is reflected in the revenue generated from these citations. The number of multiple offender incidents is higher than in prior years and the police officers are busier than they have been in prior years. The statistics supplied by Chief Garlock are for a five-year period because a large number of police officers was employed during this period and it reflects more true data than what was available prior to 2001, when there were three or four officers rather than five officers working. Pres. Handlan stated she likes that Chief Garlock has done this comparison and has shown that he needs more manpower. This will be something to be discussed when working on the Borough's budget for next year. Mayor Carroll stated that the new part-time officers have helped to cover shifts when officers go on vacation. Mgr. Bickhart asked if the statistics show what percentage of incidents are caused by people who come to Selingsgrove from other communities. Chief Garlock replied that that information is not set up to be trackable other than through a manual search. He feels that the majority of incidents, probably 60 to 70%, are related to Borough residents and not outsiders. Mgr. Bickhart stated he would be curious to know if the incidents by outsiders are increasing, decreasing or staying the same. Chief Garlock replied that given time he can come up with that information. He stated he will have a manpower report to submit at the September meeting. C/P Anderson stated her experience with the University was that the rate of clearance of incidents went up when there was more staff available. Chief Garlock agreed, citing some recent

examples of difficulties in investigating incidents due to manpower issues. He reported that Andrew Francis Barbella will take the part-time position offered to him. The transfer of his credentials from Maryland to Pennsylvania is in process. The goal is to have him hired and trained before the start of the school year.

DH&L Fire Company, Jason Kaufman – Jason reported there were 42 incidents in June with 847 man hours and zero dollar loss within the jurisdiction. The June incidents took place in the following locations: 1 in Beaver Township, 2 in Chapman Township, 1 in Middlecreek Township, 4 in Monroe Township, 18 in Penn Township, 10 in Selinsgrove, 2 in Shamokin Dam, 1 in Union Township, 2 river rescues in Upper Augusta Township, and 1 incident in Washington Township. He reminded Council that the large amount of calls in Penn Township is due to the fire company doing a standby at the races every Saturday night. These standbys get incident numbers from the County and thus count as incidents. Four to five calls a month in Penn Township can be attributed to the racetrack. Jason reported there were 20 incidents in July with 557 man hours and zero dollar loss. The July incidents took place in the following locations: 1 in Middlecreek Township, 1 in Monroe Township, 10 in Penn Township, 7 in Selinsgrove, and 1 in Upper Augusta Township at the Susquehanna River. Jason stated that so far August has been a pretty busy month.

C/P Inch asked if DH&L receives compensation for their time spent at the races. Jason replied that the racetrack gets billed a certain amount per manpower hour at the track and they also get billed an hourly rate for the engine. He stated if the engine leaves the racetrack on another call then the bill for the racetrack is altered to reflect the time the engine was actually at the track.

Mgr. Bickhart reported that Jason is a County dispatcher so people may hear him on their scanners quite a bit. He asked Jason to report on the social hall. Jason stated that the fire company had a meeting last week and voted to suspend the grill room operations until funding could be secured or a decision made on the new grill room social hall. As of Sunday, August 13, everything will be suspended at the old location and the contents will be moved out of the old building. Sunday is also the all-members' picnic. There was not enough profit being made to continue the old grill room. Efforts will be put into raising money for the new social hall for which the steel has already been purchased. Mgr. Bickhart reported that DH&L will no longer be renting space from Brian Farrell and there will be no social hall for a while. Jason reported the liquor license will be put into escrow and the contents will be put into storage when the old building is vacated by the end of August. Mayor Carroll reported that Donnie Herrold, the president of DH&L passed away suddenly and there was a well-attended memorial service for him. Jason stated the closing of the grill room was being discussed before Donnie died.

Pres. Handlan thanked Jason for his time last week in showing her how the manning of the emergency desk is handled. Jason stated anyone wanting a tour of the 911 center or the fire station is more than welcome.

DH&L Ambulance League, Gary Griner and Chris Michaels – Chris reported that she and Gary were there at Mgr. Bickhart's request. She stated that so far this year the ALS and BLS calls total 1,192. The wheelchair van has run 221 calls so far this year making the total calls for the year 1,413. She explained that ALS stands for Advanced Life Support and BLS stands for Basic Life Support. The ambulance league has four ambulances, three BLS and one ALS. Most drivers are EMTs but some are drivers only who have taken an emergency responder's course. The ALS is staffed by a paramedic and an EMT from Sunbury Hospital. Pres. Handlan asked if an open house is planned for this year. Chris and Gary said they have nothing planned at this time. Chris reported that the membership drive kicks off in about a week. The individual cost will be \$20 per year and the family cost will be \$35. This covers both the ALS and the BLS calls. She reported they have a website which is new so it does not have a lot of information on it yet. The website address is SelinsgroveEMS.com. Mgr. Bickhart reported that he attended the last ambulance league meeting and shared with them that there was some confusion in the Borough office regarding memberships since so many of the solicitations overlap. He expressed that DH&L should be acknowledged as the primary service provider for the Borough of Selinsgrove. There is some competition in the industry and this can become awkward. He asked Chris and Gary to come before Council so that these issues could be explained for Council's understanding. Both C/P Hetherington and C/P Inch

commended the service, kindness and professionalism of the ambulance workers during a time when they needed them. Mayor Carroll asked if a resident calling 911 can get first choice of DH&L's ambulance or if Shamokin would come in. Chris replied that DH&L would be dispatched to a Borough resident who called 911 but recently there had been an issue with a dispatcher who was also dispatching another ambulance service because he was a supervisor there. Chris stated it is not their intention to arrive at a scene and fight over people. The ALS is primary for Selinsgrove as well as Hummels Wharf, most of Freeburg and Port Trevorton. They are secondary to Richfield, Middleburg and other areas. Chris reported that the wheelchair van is used for someone who is wheelchair bound at home who calls for an ambulance because they have a doctor's appointment and they cannot go by car. Sometimes a person will be transported by ambulance from a residence or a nursing home and will need to come home and they cannot walk to a car. If the doctor at the hospital says the patient needs to travel by wheelchair then the wheelchair van is called to return the person home. The person must meet certain criteria, such as not being able to walk to a car. The wheelchair van is not a taxi. A person who is wheelchair bound can request the wheelchair van service for transportation to doctors' appointments. The wheelchair van also is used a lot by nursing homes for residents who are wheelchair bound. The wheelchair ambulance is available for community service events. Pres. Handlan suggested putting an article on the ambulance league in the upcoming Borough newsletter. Mgr. Bickhart reported that the ambulance league is a hybrid of both volunteers and paid staff. This is the model for the way a lot of emergency services will eventually go. It is in the Borough's best interests to keep volunteers in that service. Chris stated she hopes the service never has to go totally paid. Currently there is a paid staff on during the day because volunteers cannot do the work during the day. Mgr. Bickhart stated that the ambulance league has the same problems that the fire company has in terms of volunteer recruitment and retention. Chris stated anyone who would want to take the training and join the ambulance league would be welcome. Training for an EMT involves 180 hours of class time and one day of extrication. Classes are held two or three nights a week for four months. C/P Anderson asked if the ambulance league does any recruiting for volunteers at the university. Chris replied that notices are put up at the university and each year they get a few college students who already have the training. Mgr. Bickhart mentioned to the university some time ago the possibility of providing training courses. At that time he was thinking more along the lines of the 60 hours of training required for fire fighters. There are many universities and community colleges who offer the training as credit courses for the students.

Selinsgrove Borough Parks and Recreation Commission, Richard Norman, Chairman – Dick reported that the Life Trail with ten stations is nearly complete. As of this date seven stations are in place and ready for use. The first three stations were done by a Boy Scout working on his Eagle Scout project. The next four stations were done by service-type volunteers. On Saturday another Boy Scout who is working on his Eagle Scout project will be finishing the rest of the stations. Work on the walkway is about one-third finished, with the base finished but the top coat yet to be done. Different materials were considered and amiesite has been chosen. A rubber block-type material would have cost \$30,000. The plan is to have the entire project finished this fall. Everything but \$3,000 has been funded. Some landscaping has been done and some benches have been installed on cement pads. There will be some swings put in. Most of the poison ivy has been taken care of and roots and stumps have been removed.

The ice skating rink is not progressing quite as quickly although another Boy Scout working on his Eagle Scout project will be putting a deck on the building. A volunteer will be putting the fireplace in. These projects will probably be done by the end of August. G&R Charles has been contacted to solve the problem of the water retention but they have not made any progress yet. There are a couple places where the clay base in the ground has been interrupted and the water leaks out. G&R Charles is to find these places and fix them in order to retain the water. Some people have donated skates that need to be sharpened and new strings put in. Mayor Carroll suggested putting something in the newsletter to let people know skate donations are being accepted.

The summer program with the college students has about two weeks to go yet. There were a varied number of children participating, from 20 to 40 on any given day. There is no sign-up and no fees so people just come as they want to. The different programs active through the summer included crafts, dancing classes, and water balloon battles. Parents come and help out. Due to the high temperatures last week the program closed at noon. Dick stated he has received many favorable reports from the

parents regarding the three young men who have been running the summer program. Last week there was a corn and wiener roast. Tomorrow there is a Parks and Rec meeting at the park at noon and there will be free pizza for the kids. Improvements have been made such as painting the building by the pavilion that houses the kitchen and restrooms, installing a walkway to the bathrooms for handicapped accessibility, putting mulch in the play area, and cleaning and checking the playgrounds.

C/P Mengel asked about the turnout for the movie. Dick replied that that took place at Kidsgrove and it was very hot that night. About 40 people attended. Charlie Benner called square dancing and there were refreshments including ice cream and popcorn. Old time 16 mm movies with sound were shown and door prizes were given away. There had been two movie nights scheduled, one in June and one in July. June's even was rained out and was postponed to July, which was supposed to be a different type of meeting. Next year there may be three movie nights with free entertainment. The stage has been painted and will probably be used more. Kidsgrove is also used in conjunction with the summer program.

Council commended Dick for all his work and Dick deferred the praise to everyone who works together for the good of the community. As a side note, he reported that more drivers are needed for Meals on Wheels so if anyone would like to volunteer for one day per week for an hour or an hour and a half it would be appreciated. All the current drivers are in their 70s and 80s.

Brian Farrell regarding economic development at old Firehouse – Brian reported that due to the recent development with DH&L closing their grill room he needs to find another income producer at his property, the old firehouse, and he is seeking Council's approval to proceed with his original plan from March 2004 involving a restaurant and bar area. He stated he does not feel a restaurant would be successful at that location without a liquor license. He explained that two options are open to him. The first would be to pursue the liquor license which is available for economic development. This is the liquor license that Anthony Sanutti had wished to pursue at one time when he had plans to open a seafood restaurant in the old train station. Brian stated the second option would be to obtain a hotel license. Brian stated because his intention is to run a restaurant and social hall in a building that currently has a restaurant and social hall there would not be a great deal of difference in the usage of the property. He stated as a business person he has a mortgage to pay and he has to decide what he is going to do with the building. He stated the renovations for his restaurant will be done in three phases. The first phase will be to cosmetically renovate the current social hall and restaurant/bar area while it stays open for business. The second phase involves renovating the original fire house part which is now used for offices and storage. The third phase would be to update all the equipment including the heating and cooling equipment and the walk-in freezer, and to get rid of the furnace in the basement and put a new unit upstairs. He would also like to have some arcade machines available, as he intends to have a family-style atmosphere with a mid-range price for the food. C/P Inch asked if the restaurant would be open without a liquor license until one became available. Brian replied that if he cannot get a liquor license he would not even consider doing the restaurant. C/P Herb asked what a liquor license of this type would cost. Brian replied that some liquor licenses, when available, cost in the \$100,000 range. However, these are not available. The economic development license, which is non-transferable, costs \$25,000 although some can range up to \$50,000. Mgr. Bickhart clarified that the cost depends on the density of the population in the county where the license is sold. Snyder County is a less dense county. The cost for the hotel license is a one-time fee of about \$700. Brian stated he would not start working on the building until he knows he will be getting a license. He cannot sit on the building for six months to a year waiting on a liquor license because it would cost him too much money to pay the costs of the building without any income. He stated the property must be posted for the liquor license for 45 to 60 days. If he knew this was going to happen and he would have Council's approval he could start renovating the bar area. He could then be open in 45 to 60 days. Brian reported that he just found out tonight that there is a requirement with the economic development license stating that 70% of the business has to be food and non-alcohol-related business. He stated he does not even know if it is possible to do this. For every beer that is sold to someone for \$3.00 someone has to purchase \$7.00 worth of food. Mayor Carroll suggested getting in touch with other people who have the economic development liquor license to see how they are able to meet this requirement. Brian stated he does not feel he can meet this requirement and may pursue the hotel license option. He stated that to obtain a hotel license he would have to create 16 rooms, which he has space for. C/P Hetherington stated a business must have rooms to rent in order

to get a hotel license. Brian stated the guidelines are for 16 rooms that are 80 square feet each. One third of the rooms have to have bathrooms. One third of the rooms have to have powder rooms and the final third can be just sleeping rooms. He stated he could create those rooms upstairs by eliminating the banquet hall. When the downstairs is renovated he would regain that lost space. Pres. Handlan stated this sounded like significant renovation and Brian would have to be cautious because the building is in a flood zone. Brian stated the floors, ceilings and some walls already exist so it would just be a matter of putting in partition walls. He said it would probably cost him about the same amount to do the work himself as it would to spend \$25,000 on the economic development license. C/P Mengel asked if an elevator is needed for access and Brian stated he did not think elevators were required for second floor access. C/P Herb asked about fire regulations and Brian said he would have to look into that. He stated he would do whatever he would have to do. C/P Hetherington asked about handicapped accessibility. Brian replied he might have to have one or two rooms that are accessible and there is space downstairs where the old poker room was and at the office behind the kitchen. C/P Inch asked what Brian is asking of Council at this time. Brian replied that according to his attorney he needs a resolution from Council to approve the building for an economic development zone. He stated he is also asking Council, if he cannot meet the criteria of the economic development license, how they would feel about his pursuing a hotel license which might be easier to get. C/P Mengel brought up the parking issue and Brian stated he would be losing the 200 or so spots that he had approval for upstairs. He stated he is aware he would have to go through the Planning Commission for this. C/P Mengel asked if Brian would have to go back to Zoning in order to do the bar and restaurant. Mgr. Bickhart said the conditional use application would have to be revisited for a parking waiver. C/P Anderson stated she has no problem thinking of this as an economic development project. It is to the Borough's advantage to have the building used and well maintained. She stated it would probably have to go back through committees and there is really nothing Council can do tonight. Mgr. Bickhart stated that Council can address the issue of the liquor license and their endorsement of the economic development issue. Council will have to advertise the availability of this license to see if anyone else would apply for it. Brian asked again about Council's feelings on a hotel license. Mgr. Bickhart replied that he is not prepared to address that issue in that zone but his thinking off the top of his head is that it would not be permitted because it is a Residential/Commercial zone and a hotel is not permitted in that zone. It would have to be zoned Commercial or Industrial. Brian stated the area was already rezoned once so going that route may be out of the question altogether. The issue of the 70% non-alcohol sales came up again. Mgr. Bickhart stated that a provisional license would be given and the business would have 90 days to meet the criteria and then the books would be audited to see if a permanent license could be obtained. Brian again expressed his concern that he could not meet that requirement. Mgr. Bickhart stated the normal restaurant model would be to make money on the drinks but Brian would have to shift that around and make his money on the food, pretty much giving his drinks away. He stated he would advertise the economic development license and schedule a hearing at the next Council meeting. Arthur Watt asked about the amount of renovation that can be done due to the building being in the flood zone. Brian stated that he knows that he can only do 50% of the appraised value of the property and he does not anticipate coming close to this figure so that is not a concern to him at all. He stated he will do more research over the next couple of months. In reference to the hotel license, Mgr. Bickhart stated the building code would probably not allow the upper floor to be converted into habitable assembly space without redoing the structural supports underneath. There would also be fire separation requirements and other issues that would come into play. Brian stated that as a construction company he would meet whatever requirements there were but if the zoning would not allow the hotel license then he will pursue the economic development license. Mgr. Bickhart stated he will check on the zone issue tomorrow. There was some discussion regarding having a totally smoke-free establishment versus a smoke-free area and a smoking area. Ian Van Pelt stated that regarding the economic development issue, Brian needs to know if the municipality has approved the issuance of a license for the purposes of economic development. There are different ways that it can be approached to make this a viable business venture but it is not worth investing time into it if there is no way of getting the economic development go-ahead. Smoke-free issues and prices of alcohol can be addressed later on. Mgr. Bickhart stated that an advertisement is not mandatory but he feels it is advisable given the value of the singular benefit to somebody. This will be totally consistent with everything else that Council does. If Brian has a month to do more research then Council can make a decision at the September 5 meeting. C/P Anderson asked if zoning and planning issues will fall into place during that month's time. Brian stated the only zoning issue he has is parking. Mgr. Bickhart stated there is also the flood plain issue.

He suggested revisiting the conditional use application which is almost entirely a parking issue. He suggested reworking the schedule to compare parking deficits before to parking deficits proposed. The Planning Commission can make a recommendation and bring it to Council for a decision in September.

Motion by C/P Anderson to approve publishing the advertisement as corrected. Seconded by C/P Inch.

AYES: SEVEN (7) NAYS: NONE MOTION CARRIED

Margaret Siro expressed her concern regarding Brian Farrell having a licensed drinking establishment. She based this concern on the fact that Brian owns a student rental property across the street from her home. The property is in Penn Township along University Avenue. Margaret stated the students there have been known to engage in objectionable behavior. She expressed concern about what would go on at the restaurant/bar if a liquor license is obtained. Brian stated that he has made improvements to the student rental property and he would encourage the students to do their drinking at his restaurant rather than at the residence. Margaret also expressed concern that Brian has not followed through with his original plans as presented in 2004. Pres. Handlan stated that the student-related issue versus the restaurant will be a difference of night and day. She also stated that Brian has not had the ability to put in the restaurant that he initially proposed due to DH&L not being able to move out and build their new social hall. Now Brian has the opportunity to move forward and Pres. Handlan stated the restaurant should be like any other family restaurant in town. Margaret expressed her concern that there are enough drinking establishments already. C/P Inch replied that there has been a bar at that location for about 90 years.

Harry Powers concerning water and sewer bill late payment fee – Mgr. Bickhart stated Mr. Powers indicated he was not going to attend tonight’s meeting. Mr. Powers stated he is pursuing his concerns at the state level and is looking to see if the Borough has authorization to have the Ordinance that they have. Mr. Powers has paid what he owes and there is no outstanding issue unless he raises one. C/P Herb stated he is sympathetic to Mr. Powers’ argument that the Borough’s late fee is excessive.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM PRIOR MEETINGS:

Review List of Council Issues – Mgr. Bickhart stated he did not have a list of issues for tonight’s meeting.

NIMS Training and Certification – Mgr. Bickhart reported that everyone but C/P Herb has received his/her certification. C/P Herb will try to find an opportunity to schedule his certification testing.

Review Draft of Incident Command Structure for Borough – Mgr. Bickhart reported that he has taken this to the next level and assigned duties to all who are now NIMS trained so that in the event of a major disaster or catastrophe everyone will know what his or her responsibilities are. In that instance there will be County counterparts who will be resources to the people at the local level. There are other documents and manuals that can be quickly reviewed in order to perform the various functions. The duty sheet shows the incident command structure created by the County. It shows that in minor incidents there are relatively few people performing tasks. Resources are available at the County level and this structure has been utilized in the past. The right-hand column is to be used in the event of a major incident and it shows Mgr. Bickhart’s recommendations for allocating Council members and other Borough personnel to fill the positions. Mgr. Bickhart invited comments and suggestions for revisions to the command structure. At some time in the near future Council will be asked to adopt this incident command structure and by doing so acknowledge that Council is willing to fulfill these roles. Rather than a desktop training session or a training program the County suggests that next time there is a flooding event or something just higher than a minor incident that Council members come in and perform a role. C/P Hetherington suggested having a backup for each position because last time there was flooding he was fishing in Buffalo, New York. Mgr. Bickhart stated that there is the realization that not everyone will be available and people will be swapped around as the need dictates. Defining a backup would add layers to the complexity. The County is an amazing resource but local responsibility ultimately falls back on the Borough. C/P Anderson stated she understands there are additional manuals and training available for

each position. Mgr. Bickhart stated there are online training courses which are very interesting and very easy to work through. Pres. Handlan stated that everyone should have gotten their individual certificates in the mail and the Borough has received its certificate. She noted that one copy of the individual certificates should be given to Sheri.

Update on Cleon Bauman Property – Mgr. Bickhart reported that shortly after the last meeting another letter was sent to Mr. Bauman, who has begun the demolition of the building, quickly removing the second floor and half of the first floor.

Update concerning 2006 Street and Alley Program Bid and Award of Contract – Mgr. Bickhart reported that the conditions imposed by Council have been met. The contractor will begin work soon. C/P Mengel reported that she was approached by Ross Charles. Mgr. Bickhart replied that Ross was quite upset and threatened a lot of things, all of which he has now thought better of. Mgr. Bickhart asked Solicitor Cravitz to draft a letter in consideration of amending the Borough's specifications. Mgr. Bickhart believes the engineer should be asked to amend the specifications so that this issue is clarified and does not come up again. This is not the first time this issue has come up with Ross. C/P Mengel asked if the clarification will be to state that the certification is required at the time of the bid. Mgr. Bickhart stated Council could defer to the recommendation of the engineer, but the issue of when the contractor has the certification must be defined and then the issue of whether the bidder should be a prime contractor or subcontractor needs to be defined. Pres. Handlan asked if going forward the Borough will accept subcontractor certification and Solicitor Cravitz replied that the Borough has accepted this in the past. Pres. Handlan asked if she understood correctly that the difference between a prime contractor and a subcontract involved financial disclosures. Solicitor Cravitz replied that it also has to do with meeting certain criteria. Mgr. Bickhart stated the certification as a subcontractor has to do with experience and equipment while the certification as a prime contractor involves showing that the contractor has the financial capabilities to complete the projects. Many contractors can prove that they can do the job but do not want to go through the trouble of supplying the records to PennDOT to prove that they have the financial means to do the job. The Borough requires subcontractors to have insurance but not to prove that they have the financial wherewithal to do a job. A big prime contractor may have to have \$1 million in resources just to meet the weekly payroll before the completion of a project. C/P Inch asked if Mid State was considered a prime contractor and Mgr. Bickhart stated that their certification from PennDOT was as a subcontractor so if they were bidding a PennDOT job they would have to bid through a prime contractor and they would only do the subcontractor work that they were qualified for. G&R Charles is certified as a prime contractor. C/P Mengel asked how many times in the past the Borough has awarded to prime versus subcontractors, whether it was 50/50 or not. Mgr. Bickhart replied that he does not have that information. Solicitor Cravitz replied that all the handicapped projects were with a subcontractor. Pres. Handlan stated this is an issue of the Borough being clear on what the requirements are. Mgr. Bickhart stated he will defer to Coukart's recommendation and based upon past practice he feels that Coukart will accept subcontractor certification and will require the certification at the time of the bid.

COMMITTEE / COMMISSION / BOARD REPORTS:

FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE: C/P Inch, Chairman

Payment and Ratification of Bills

Motion by C/P Inch to pay the bills. Seconded by C/P Herb.

AYES: SEVEN (7) NAYS: NONE MOTION CARRIED

Statewide Tax Recovery, Inc. - Exoneration Requests – One exoneration request for Peggy A. Martin for 1992 as she was a non-resident and for 1997, 1998 and 1999 as she was deceased.

Motion by C/P Hetherington to grant the exoneration. Seconded by C/P Inch.

AYES: SEVEN (7) NAYS: NONE MOTION CARRIED

Report on consideration of Sewer Rate increase – C/P Inch reported that the Finance Committee looked at the available information and is recommending to Council that there be no increase at this time. The committee will watch this situation very closely because if ESCRA comes forward with an increase at the end of the year this will have to be revisited.

PUBLIC FACILITIES & SERVICES COMMITTEE: C/P Reuning, Chairman – C/P Reuning reported that the appeals on the sidewalks have been taken care of.

BOROUGH ADMINISTRATION / PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT: C/P Mengel Chairwoman – C/P Mengel reported that the Committee is recommending that the use of the SU students at the recycling site be continued. She reported that during the meeting Mgr. Bickhart came up with two other requests. One was a request from Susquehanna to extend the curbside recycling pickup in the Borough to the University Avenue houses. Mgr. Bickhart stated that because of agreements with Susquehanna and their not wishing to pay the \$10 per quarter for any of the properties on the water and sewer bills none of the Borough recycling program is afforded to them. They do not put things out at curbside for the once-a-month collections. The University wants to expand the collection on campus. They saw that it would be a benefit to them to be able to have the recyclables – glass and aluminum cans – picked up curbside at the residential properties that the university owns along University Avenue. By Ordinance \$6 of the quarterly \$10 fee is for the curbside collection. It would be logical to consider offering the university curbside pickup if they pay the \$6 per quarter fee. In response to a question from C/P Mengel Sheri verified that the \$6 could be assigned to just those places. Mgr. Bickhart stated if Council is agreeable he will continue discussions with the university to come up with a proposal. Of the \$10, \$6 is for curbside recycling and \$4 is for the other services the Borough offers such as Spring Cleanup and leaf pickup. These other services are not being offered to the university.

C/P Mengel reported that the second thing brought to the Committee's attention by Mgr. Bickhart was that Deb Wolf, who is the Snyder County recycling person, had requested that Penn Township be included in the use of the Borough's recycling center. Mgr. Bickhart stated that Snyder County Waste Management was asked to develop a better recycling program in Penn Township and they were thinking that it might work better for Penn Township to use Selinsgrove's recycling center rather than creating a whole new infrastructure in Penn Township. This would not be done for free and if Council is agreeable then Mgr. Bickhart will negotiate with the Penn Township supervisors to see what they are willing to do on behalf of all of their residents or as an alternative, if they choose not to do that, permits could be sold to individual Penn Township residents that would allow them to utilize the Borough's facilities. Penn Township currently has a once-a-month recycling effort by the Boy Scouts. All other efforts have been unsatisfactory. C/P Inch asked if the Borough has the capacity to handle Penn Township's recyclables. Mgr. Bickhart replied that the Borough's capacity rests with how often they call to have the recyclables pulled. The capacity is infinite as long as the pulls can keep up with the volume of recyclable materials.

Along the recycling lines, Mgr. Bickhart reported that Russ Workman, who is JAWS from Danville and who used to do the Borough's curbside recycling, approached him and said he would like to get more involved in the recycling. Russ needs a reliable supply of materials so he drafted a brief proposal and is coming Wednesday night to talk to the Committee about his proposal. He is offering to do all the Borough's pulls for free and to pay the Borough a penny a pound for everything except glass. This would include cardboard, paper and plastic. The Borough currently gets three free pulls a month and nothing else. Russ stated to Mgr. Bickhart that if he does the pulls for free and pays a penny a pound then the Borough should not care who brings recyclables to them. Mgr. Bickhart stated that the Borough does care in that they want the revenue. With Russ's proposal the Borough's capacity would be greater because Russ would pull every time the Borough had a container full. There was no problem with Russ and JAWS in the past. It just got to the point that the Borough decided they could do the curbside recycling cheaper than they had contracted with Russ to do it. There were not that many recyclables being put out. Russ came down two mornings, the last Thursday and Friday pair days of every month, and spent almost no time. People called and complained that they were missed and the Borough was paying for that service. It was then reduced down to doing it one morning a week so the manpower cost was cut in half and the Borough employees had no trouble doing it. Sheri commented that the Borough

paid Russ \$1,285 a month to do this one day a week and now he is offering to pay the Borough for the materials. There was some discussion that the market for recyclables is favorable right now and Russ wants all he can get. He will also make money on the glass, which he will not pay the Borough for. C/P Mengel asked how many tons of material the Borough gets rid of each month and how many pulls there are per month now. Mgr. Bickhart replied he will have to get the tonnage figures from Janet. Sheri reported there are six to seven pulls a month at \$100 per pull. Mgr. Bickhart stated that by going with Russ it could save the Borough several hundred dollars per month, plus they will get paid for some of the materials picked up by Russ. Russ's motivation is that he will make his money when he sells the materials and he needs a source of supply. Pres. Handlan asked if the recycling center's hours would be extended and C/P Anderson replied that if the Borough took on Penn Township the hours might have to be extended. C/P Mengel suggested having a day just for Penn Township to come. Mayor Carroll asked if there would be any problems with Lycoming if they are not doing the pulls or not doing as many pulls. Sheri replied that the recycling trailers belong to the Borough and Mgr. Bickhart stated that the Borough is under no obligation to use Lycoming. It was clarified that Russ wants everything, although Mgr. Bickhart replied that Russ would not get the aluminum cans because it is the tradition that the guys like to keep the aluminum cans themselves and like to recycle the aluminum themselves. Russ is aware of this and has agreed to pull the aluminum out of the contract. Sheri stated that Lycoming offered the County ten free pulls a month and the County passed along three of those pulls to Selinsgrove. Lycoming is a sure thing and the Borough can go back to using them if the contract with Russ does not work out.

C/P Mengel reported that Mgr. Bickhart has given her a copy of the Borough office space requirements. Pres. Handlan stated she passed some rough plans to C/P Mengel showing what the library would like to do if they stay in the current building. The architect is doing new floor plans and modifying different scenarios which will be presented to the library's building committee. C/P Mengel and her Committee are designated to work with the library in understanding what the Borough's needs are. Everyone agrees that the library should stay in Selinsgrove. Pres. Handlan stated the Borough offices need to remain on the same floor where they are now. The Council chambers could be moved to another floor. It will be necessary to review the new floor plans which will show a different entry to the building and an elevator. The Borough office is asking for more space than what they currently have. C/P Mengel stated the Committee decided they did not have a problem with the Council chambers being on a lower level as long as the main entrance to those offices were on that particular level, such as an entrance from Pine Street or High Street that would go right into the Borough office area where the chamber meeting room would also be. Pres. Handlan cautioned everyone not to be closed-minded when looking at all the needs because it is so important to keep the library in town. C/P Anderson stated the Committee did not want it to appear that the offices were an afterthought for the building. The offices need to be on a main floor or have some sense of being a major part of the building. Pres. Handlan stated one of the library committee's biggest concerns is their staffing and how they can handle that staffing if the library is on two levels. Pres. Handlan suggested using video cameras and other types of technology to fill that void with staffing in certain areas.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS: C/P Herb, Chairman – No Report

PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE: C/P Anderson, Chairwoman – C/P Anderson reported that the search for a Director of Public Works continues. Mgr. Bickhart stated the Committee should have a recommendation by September.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE: C/P Hetherington, Chairman

PennDOT In-Depth Speed Limit Study and Traffic Safety Reviews – C/P Hetherington stated the Committee has not reviewed this study yet. Pres. Handlan asked how the Borough should proceed based on this study, whether they should start enforcing more in certain areas. Chief Garlock stated that PennDOT is putting the onus on local law enforcement. He stated that the study shows no understanding of the size and the duties of the Borough police department. PennDOT is doing speed studies using radar, which is a tool the Borough police department does not have. The study uses state accident report statistics for reportable accidents. Chief Garlock stated no one contacted his department for non-reportable accidents which are not reported to the state. C/P Hetherington stated the Committee will

have a meeting and look into the sign placement recommendations from the study. Council asked Chief Garlock if he would like to have radar and how much it would cost. Chief Garlock replied that the current regulation regarding radar limits the amount of enforcement that can be done over what has been historically done to 5%. Chief Garlock stated the rationale behind the 5% limit is that law enforcement should not be used to generate revenue for the municipality. Pres. Handlan stated that radar is used for the safety and wellbeing of the community. Chief Garlock agreed, stating that the police department enforces what is there and if they reach a threshold level where that 5% is reached then they stop enforcement. Mayor Carroll stated that radar was placed in a municipality somewhere in the state and a committee is going to review how this is working out and then will make a recommendation as far as whether to move radar into more communities. Chief Garlock feels that the radar bill will be passed but his department will continue enforcement without the restriction brought about by the use of radar. He stated he would love to have the radar as a tool and it would only cost a couple thousand dollars to purchase it. Mayor Carroll stated this bill has been introduced on and off over the years and has been rejected in committee or it got out of committee and then got shuffled around. From what he has heard at the Mayors' Association this issue will be moved forward by the end of this year and a decision made based on the study. Mgr. Bickhart pointed out that the one recommendation PennDOT did agree with was the extension of the 25 mile per hour zone on Market Street north of Snyder Street. For that one an ordinance would have to be authorized. PennDOT's study indicated that people were traveling at excessive speeds and the visibility of the 25 MPH sign is hampered by curbs. Chief Garlock asked when the study was done and Mgr. Bickhart stated he believed it was within the past few weeks. Chief Garlock stated this is another issue he has with the study – that it did not involve a time when the college students were in the Borough. He stated this appreciably alters the traffic flow, especially on Sassafras Street with students using the crosswalk. He stated PennDOT never asked him for his data on anything and they did the study in a vacuum by using state data only. He stated the state accident data only includes 20 to 40% of the accidents in the Borough.

PLANNING COMMISSION: Earl Moyer, Chairman – No Report

ZONING HEARING BOARD: Glen Rohrer, Chairman – No Report

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION: Dalton Savidge, Chairman – Mgr. Bickhart reported that the Civil Service Commission list needs to be extended by September 20 or it will have to be redone. Chief Garlock stated they are at the tail end of the list with only about three candidates left. Since there is not much left to pick from he would prefer the Commission go through a new procedure in order to have a new candidate pool to choose from.

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD: Richard Norman, Chairman

Reminder of Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Recreation, Parks and Open Space Plan Advisory Committee meeting to be held August 17, 2006 at 7:00 P.M. at a location to be announced later.

SHADE TREE COMMISSION: Karl Maul, Chairman

Appoint Dale Hassinger, 10th Street, Selinsgrove to a 4-year term ending January 2010 –

Motion by C/P Reuning to appoint Dale Hassinger to a 4-year term on the Shade Tree Commission. Seconded by C/P Mengel.

AYES: SEVEN (7) NAYS: NONE MOTION CARRIED

Karl Maul reported that he will try to attend most Borough Council meetings in order to address any questions regarding the Shade Tree Commission. Sheri asked if there would be an article available for the newsletter and Karl replied that someone is working on it now and would get it to Sheri by the end of August. This article will be a type of introduction to the Shade Tree Commission, explaining what they do in the form of a short mission statement. He stated they want to also include the fact that there is an Ordinance, which some people may not be aware of. Mgr. Bickhart stated that the Shade Tree

Commission has asked for a bigger presence on the Borough's web page, perhaps something in terms of a sub-site off the main page which would include forms and other information. The Shade Tree Commission has been more proactive in terms of looking at trees that have been reported by Gary and Mgr. Bickhart. The Commission as part of its role can notify property owners of the requirement to remove trees that are unsafe. C/P Inch asked Karl if he is an employee of the state in the forestry department and Karl replied that he works out of the Harrisburg central office, has a degree in forestry and works for DCNR. He stated this limits some of the things that he can do because there are certain things that he has had to abstain from, such as grants and financial things, due to his job. All the necessary paperwork has been filed with his employer. He stated that the Commission is working on a mission statement. He stated one of the main duties of the Shade Tree Commission is to take care of the shade trees and determine whether they need to be pruned or taken down due to hazards. Karl intends to incorporate an educational facet into the Commission so that they can be a resource to residents of the Borough, not only for the shade trees but also for the trees that are in their own yards if they need information on those trees. The Shade Tree Commission hopes to be able to answer questions on disease, insects, pruning and other concerns. Karl also hopes to be more proactive with Arbor Day programs and Earth Day programs and he would like to work closely with Dick Norman in the park.

BOROUGH ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

MAYOR: Pete Carroll – Mayor Carroll reported that he has received his NIMS certification. He also reported that he went to the Mayors' Conference on July 21 and 22. He stated this is different than the Borough Association meetings. He reported he was elected Vice President of the North Central Region of the Mayors' Association. He stated he was going through some of the information and saw a posting on the 50 smartest places to live in Pennsylvania. Selinsgrove did not make the list. Out of the 50 listed, Pittsburgh ranked 9th, Harrisburg ranked 12th, State College ranked 19th, Philadelphia ranked 22nd, and Lancaster ranked 37th. He reported that Nashville, Tennessee was ranked No. 1 in the 50 states arena.

Mayor Carroll reported that he received an email from Dawne Long questioning the legitimacy of solicitations from the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association. He stated the Borough is not part of that program but it is a legitimate organization and the money solicited is used for training. A vendor in Washington, PA is hired to solicit the donations via phone calls and it is a proper solicitation. He stated he is not endorsing this organization and C/P Herb stated that often the amount of money that is solicited is not the actual amount of money that goes to the organization. He reported there is a wonderful website and organization called the American Philanthropic Association which ranks organizations according to a number of different standards and reports on whether they are a worthy organization.

Mayor Carroll reported that there was a strong discussion at the Mayors' Association meeting regarding the recent action taken by the City of Hazleton in reference to immigrants. He supplied information to Council about this issue, stating that it will definitely be challenged and should be followed in the news.

C/P Hetherington stated that one night last week most of the local police departments celebrated the National Night Out. He asked why Selinsgrove did not participate in this. Mayor Carroll stated the manpower associated with that event is a concern. Pres. Handlan stated the National Night Out is also associated with the Neighborhood Crime Watch organization, in which Selinsgrove does not participate. Mayor Carroll stated that years ago he and Chief Garlock had gone to CERT training, the Certified Emergency Response Team program, which is an alternative to the Crime Watch program. Mgr. Bickhart suggested putting an article in the next newsletter to encourage people to call the police department, something that is often neglected. People come in to the Borough office to complain about something and when questioned they reveal that they have not called the police about it.

C/P Hetherington asked, with the Borough-wide speed limit of 25 miles per hour and school starting at the end of the month, whether the police would be out to remind people of the speed limit. He stated he does not see many people obeying the speed limit on Broad Street. Mayor Carroll replied that people were given some time to get used to the speed limit being changed. The speed trailer is in Lewisburg right now and it will come back to Broad Street or 18th Street the week that school starts. Chief Garlock will remind his officers to begin enforcing the 25 miles per hour speed limit.

BOROUGH SOLICITOR: Robert Cravitz

Consider adoption of Ordinance # 747 pertaining to extending no parking zones on Broad Street – Solicitor Cravitz reported that this is the Ordinance to extend the sight distances along Broad Street at two intersections. This extends the no parking at any time areas on the west side of Broad Street from Mill Street 50 feet north and 50 feet south as well as on the west side of Broad Street from Penn Street – or Seals Drive – 50 feet south.

Motion by C/P Hetherington to adopt Ordinance # 747. Seconded by C/P Inch.

AYES: SEVEN (7) NAYS: NONE MOTION CARRIED

Consider adoption of Ordinance # 748 pertaining to the necessity of constructing sidewalks, driveways and curbing for the 2006 Street Program – Solicitor Cravitz reported that this Ordinance allows people to be put on the list for sidewalk, driveway and curbing improvements. If the people do not do the work themselves then the Borough is empowered to do the work and put a lien against the property. This is done almost annually. This particular Ordinance deals with sections of Snyder Street, Charles Avenue, Woodruff Avenue, Vine Street, Ninth Street Circle, Perry Street and Susquehanna Avenue. The people on the list have been sent notices at least twice that they have until September 10, 2006 to have the work completed. Section 7 of the Ordinance provides for the Borough to do the work for anyone who does not have it completed and to assess the property owner and ask them to pay the bill. If they do not pay within 30 days the Borough can put a lien against the property plus an additional 10% for the cost of doing this. When the property is sold the Borough will receive its payment. The Borough has never foreclosed on anyone due to an Ordinance such as this. Solicitor Cravitz stated this may seem like a lot of trouble but if Council does not adopt an Ordinance then they cannot enforce the improvements or get paid for them if the Borough has to have the work done.

Motion by C/P Hetherington to adopt Ordinance # 748. Seconded by C/P Reuning.

AYES: SEVEN (7) NAYS: NONE MOTION CARRIED

BOROUGH ENGINEER: J. A. Coukart & Associates

Update on pending projects – C/P Hetherington asked what would be done about Weiser Run. Mgr. Bickhart stated he has not had a chance to review the engineer's report on this because he only received it today. He stated as an engineer he has a sense of what it says and that is the reason he asked Coukart to look at the situation. He stated it is obvious the work is not satisfactory. Coukart inspected it and has now submitted his letter. This could go to a committee for review but it is not time critical. Solicitor Cravitz stated he would not want to go through the winter and have the repairs fail. Mgr. Bickhart stated that based on past performance the school district would not get around to doing anything before next spring anyway. C/P Hetherington asked what the Borough can do if there is a problem. He asked if the Borough would end up having the work done and then fighting with the school district for reimbursement. He asked if the Borough could take pictures on a monthly basis for evidence of deterioration. Solicitor Cravitz stated the Borough needs to let the school district know that the job is failing so that they can address the issue. Pres. Handlan suggested that Mgr. Bickhart send a letter to the school district so that the notification is documented in writing. Mgr. Bickhart stated he can let the school district know that the engineer looked at it and what his observations were so that they can correct the issue.

C/P Anderson asked if there is any action required of Council regarding the Snyder Street utilities issue. Mgr. Bickhart stated he expected to have cost estimates for a change order. Some decisions were made about changes to the water main project so that the contractor could go back to work. The issue with the sanitary sewer has to be addressed so there will have to be a change order to deal with the obstructing sanitary sewers that exist in one block. Council needs to have the price to approve a change order. This is an issue that can be dealt with by a change order rather than having to go back and bid a second job.

The engineer has authority for change orders but because this will be such a large one some budgetary authorization is needed to spend some additional money out of the sewer fund to make the corrections that are needed. Mgr. Bickhart stated he does not have the necessary information for a decision tonight and he does not want to put this off for a whole month. He reported the problems involve a lateral extension and cutting through a concrete street to perform those. Some things on the change order will be corrective action yet to be determined because until they actually get in there and dig some of it up they really will not know where they can site manholes. This is really something that needs to be taken care of quickly. He stated the change order price should be available in about a week. C/P Herb suggested that tonight's meeting be recessed to another meeting later in the month when the necessary information will be available. After some discussion it was decided to recess to August 21 at 7:00 P.M. Pres. Handlan suggested putting together a letter for the residents of the affected area of Snyder Street to explain the situation to them.

BOROUGH TREASURER: Sharon Badman

Review Treasurer's Report for July 2006 - Pres. Handlan asked if there were any questions on the Treasurer's report. Hearing none, she stated that it is on file for audit.

BOROUGH MANAGER / SECRETARY / ZONING OFFICER: Mgr. Bickhart

Non-Police Complaint Update – Mgr. Bickhart stated he did not have a list of complaints for tonight's meeting.

Update of PROPERTY TRANSFERS and BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED, Janet Powers, Deputy Zoning and Permit Officer – Information only

Demolition of Garage at Wagner property, 441 Orange Street – Mgr. Bickhart reported that this is a property for which he used the Property Maintenance Code and the letters that he and Solicitor Cravitz had come up with to notify Mrs. Wagner of the need to address this issue. Mgr. Bickhart had told Mrs. Wagner shortly after the death of her husband that this would have to be addressed. This is a safety hazard as a windstorm has blown parts of the roof off twice. Attorney Hudock's secretary called on behalf of the Area Agency on Aging, which provides Mrs. Wagner with some resources, to report that she has no money to take care of this. Mgr. Bickhart stated if this issue is to be resolved the Borough will have to spend its own money, take down the garage, send Mrs. Wagner the bill and most likely place a lien against the property. Mrs. Wagner has some materials in the garage that she would like to sell so Mgr. Bickhart has been trying to assist her with having auction houses come in to give her a price on the materials. He reported that Mrs. Wagner has no family that she trusts to help her in this situation. Pres. Handlan asked if Mgr. Bickhart had any idea of the costs involved with this and Mgr. Bickhart replied he has no idea of the costs. If Council elects to proceed and Borough forces are used then the force account can be billed for the labor, which will help to control costs. C/P Anderson stated Council has to take action because this is clearly a safety issue.

Motion by C/P Reuning to authorize Mgr. Bickhart to proceed with the demolition of the garage at the Wagner property as soon as it is empty. Seconded by C/P Inch.

AYES: SEVEN (7) NAYS: NONE MOTION CARRIED

Weeds and debris cleanup at former Bartholomew property, now City Financial Services, 717 North High Street – Mgr. Bickhart reported that he has contacted City Financial Services, who foreclosed on the property, and has received no response. Notification has been given under the Property Maintenance Code so the Borough could clean up the debris and send City Financial the bill.

Motion by C/P Anderson to pursue this under the Property Maintenance Code. Seconded by C/P Hetherington.

AYES: SEVEN (7) NAYS: NONE MOTION CARRIED

Consider request of Fusion Fest – Council expressed concern over the number of people who would attend this event. However, the only issue that Council has any control over is the noise. Pres. Handlan stated that they could not be any noisier than a Saturday night race. C/P Herb asked how many homes are in the immediate vicinity of this church. Pres. Handlan stated there are very few as the church is directly across from the Susquehanna University fields. There is one home a little further along Sassafras Street. C/P Herb asked if Council grants the variance and it turns out that there is a tremendous amount of noise does that mean that there is nothing that can be done at that point. Solicitor Cravitz stated they could still be cited for disturbing the peace and the police could calm it down. It was asked if they need a permit for that kind of crowd and Mgr. Bickhart replied that they do not. Due to the cars being parked all over the Borough C/P Anderson asked if there would be a home football game that day. C/P Herb stated he did not think there was. Pres. Handlan stated that Trax is right near this event so there will be a lot of activity in the area that night. Mayor Carroll stated he and Chief Garlock will discuss staffing for the night.

Motion by C/P Mengel to grant the noise variance for Fusion Fest on October 7. Seconded by C/P Hetherington.

AYES: SEVEN (7) NAYS: NONE MOTION CARRIED

Consider request of Heather McNabb pertaining to the re-placement of an historic sign for the Governor Snyder Mansion – Mgr. Bickhart reported that Heather McNabb is interested in exploring a grant to replace a historical marker on the Governor Snyder Mansion. She is asking Council for approval for the Borough to be the non-profit agency to receive the funds from the historical society and pass them on to her. She is not asking for any funds directly from the Borough.

Motion by C/P Herb that the Borough accept the grant money for Heather McNabb. Seconded by C/P Reuning.

AYES: SEVEN (7) NAYS: NONE MOTION CARRIED

Report on Traffic Signal problems at Route 522 and Broad Street/Route 204 – Mgr. Bickhart reported that about a week ago this traffic signal had some problems as the result of a lightning strike. Beck Electric assisted with getting the light back in operation and in the course of doing that they put some of the equipment back into the box that had been salvaged after the box was hit by a car. The insurance claim replaced all of the equipment and the usable equipment was salvaged. The traffic signal is working. Mgr. Bickhart reported that he asked Herr Signal from Harrisburg, who actually did the work, to come up and take a look at it and give the Borough some information about what they should do. He has not heard anything from them at this time.

[Editorial Note: The remainder of the minutes were reproduced largely from memory, as the tape became unintelligible.]

Report on Borough Building roof repairs and proposal – Mgr. Bickhart reported that GSH Roofing was hired to make temporary repairs to the Municipal Building roof with an estimated cost of between \$600 and \$800. Aucker's Roofing was also contacted but did not respond to the request for a proposal. In addition, GSH Roofing will provide a cost estimate for a total roof replacement. This estimate will be used to apply for a Keystone Grant and for next year's budget process.

REMINDER – Next Council meeting on Tuesday, September 5, 2006 at 7:00 P.M.

SELINGROVE MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY – Donald Bottiger, Chairman – No Report. It was noted that the Authority has retained professional assistance in negotiating with Cingular Wireless concerning a claim that the merger with AT&T has created redundant facilities and that the current agreement could be cancelled unless a reduced lease amount is considered.

EASTERN SNYDER COUNTY REGIONAL AUTHORITY – Dave Faust and Bob Dagle, Chairmen – No Report

NORTH-EASTERN SNYDER COUNTY JOINT AUTHORITY – C/P Hetherington and Mgr. Bickhart – No Report

NEW BUSINESS:

COUNCIL MEMBERS

C/P Herb expressed concern over the pool situation. Pres. Handlan reported that representatives from the pool and Selinsgrove Area Recreation Inc. will be at the September meeting prepared to present a full report on the situation including staffing, safety issues and the tax issues.

C/P Hetherington reported that he was on vacation in Canada and mentioned to some people that he was from Selinsgrove. They immediately commented on all the signs at the end of the Borough near Selinsgrove Ford. C/P Hetherington said he told the people that that is not actually in the Borough but he agreed that it did present a negative image upon entering the Borough.

Pres. Handlan asked when the Selinsgrove Inn will open. Mgr. Bickhart reported that it would probably be in early September.

MAYOR – Nothing further

OTHERS

Margaret Siro – Margaret asked if a mold study would be done in the library due to the roof leaking. Mgr. Bickhart stated he is not aware of any mold nor does he see any evidence of any mold. People think when there is a leak and water is involved that mold grows but that is not always the case. Mgr. Bickhart responded by indicating that following a thorough inspection of the space above the ceiling found no evidence of mold. The space is generally dry and reasonably well ventilated.

Mgr. Bickhart reported that the locks have not yet been installed on the bathroom doors downstairs due to the burden it places on the library staff. He reported that Betsy has acquired some video cameras that she is talking about positioning in the hallway outside the bathrooms to deter people. He stated that when the library is not open a lack of a key will essentially turn this into a building without restrooms. Council encouraged him to have this done as it had been voted on and needs to be followed through on. Council agreed to lock the doors and the library agreed to keep the keys. Mgr. Bickhart stated he will get the locks installed this week.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - Council Meeting recessed to an Executive Session at 10:17 P.M. for discussion of Police Contracts. Council Meeting reconvened at 10:55 P.M.

RECESSION:

At 10:55 P.M. the meeting recessed to Monday, August 21, 2006 at 7:00 P.M.

Attachments: None