

**SELINGROVE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING**

**MONDAY, AUGUST 6, 2012 - 7:00 P.M.**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Pres. B. Farrell, V. Pres. P. Carroll, C/P D. Anderson, C/P T. Charles, C/P S. Hendricks, C/P R. Mease, and C/P E. Viker (arrived 7:05 p.m.)

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Solicitor M. Cravitz; Borough Manager/Secretary P. Williams; Mayor S. Christine; Borough Treasurer/Asst. Borough Manager S. Badman; Deputy Zoning Officer J. Powers; Acting Recording Secretary Chele' Weaver; Derck & Edson Jennifer Lee; SEDA-COG Stacy Richards; Saul Ewing, LLP Michael A. Finio, Esq.; Director Selingsgrove Library Pam Ross; Borough Engineer John Coukart; Susquehanna University Mike Coyne & Chris Bailey; Tax Collector Mike Bolig; Main St. Manager Tim Musser; Shade Tree Commission Bo Fasold; Parks & Recreation Rocky Baer; DH&L Gary Greiner; Planning Commission President Earl Moyer; Library Representatives Rick Savidge, Skip Weader, Ann Gates; Borough Residents Joseph & Margaret Siro, Lynn Askew, Joe Kleinbauer, Mr. & Mrs. Bob Derr, Vince Stoops, Jim Black, Emily Johnson, and Elaine Herrold.

**OTHERS ABSENT:** Junior C/P Maggie Lemons.

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER:**

Pres. Farrell called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Borough Manager Williams called the roll, followed by a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES FROM MEETING OF JULY 2, 2012:**

Motion by C/P Anderson to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by C/P Charles.

**AYES: SIX (6)**

**NAYS: NONE**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**RECESS TO PUBLIC HEARING:** The Council meeting recessed to a Public Hearing at 7:02 P.M.

Borough Council will hear public comment on proposed Ordinance No. 801 authorizing the Borough to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Snyder County Soil Conservation District for the review of erosion and sediment control plans for land development within the Borough and requiring the submission of plans and the payment of fees to the Snyder County Soil Conservation District for the review of land developments and other activities involving the disturbance of soil within the Borough.

Mgr. Williams stated that the proposed ordinance was duly advertised and was scheduled to take public comment at 7:15 P.M. A written comment was received from Robert Bickhart, PE PLS, and was distributed to Council Members. Mgr. Williams stated that comments were being received tonight and action will be taken at the September 4, 2012 meeting, after Council's review.

C/P Farrell asked for any additional public comments. None were made.

The Council meeting was reconvened at 7:04 P.M.

**PERSONS TO BE HEARD:**

**Mike Bolig, Tax Collector-** mentioned that the delinquent taxes for Pine Meadows were paid. He mentioned that Weis Markets purchased the Ott Packaging building and the taxes were not paid. He contacted the tax claim bureau and got feedback about property changing hands without the taxes being paid. They told him that the taxes have to be paid to clear a title, but you can change a title that is not

quite cleared. They don't check on water bills or real estate bills. Mr. Bolig suggested the Borough should have a resolution that water bills, real estate tax bills and liens should be cleared before a demolition permit is issued.

Mr. Bolig mentioned his mother's house, 210 N. Water Street, has a drainage problem in the rear that he would like for the Borough to check on. He thinks a drain should have been put in back in 1998 and was not put in as an oversight.

**Jennifer Lee, Landscape Architect** - from Derck and Edson Assoc. gave a presentation in regard to the 18<sup>th</sup> Street Commons, the former Pine Meadows apartments, for which Susquehanna University has submitted a Land Development Plan depicting certain improvements. She asked for conditional approval for the Land Development tonight, stating that they had received a recommendation from the Planning Commission subject to the approval of a Soil Erosion and Sedimentation plan by the Snyder County Conservation District, an Engineers Seal on the Land Development Plan and the Stormwater Management plan with verification by the Borough Engineer. She described the improvements that are proposed which include a parking area for 49 vehicles behind the former homes along the north side of the 600 block of University Avenue. It will be paved with porous paving and will have an entrance driveway off University Avenue and a driveway exiting onto the existing driveway adjacent to the science building. There will also be a new driveway between the area of the children's center and the east side of the apartment complex. This second driveway will have 10 off-street parking spaces on each side and will also be paved with porous paving material. Two patios are proposed for student use. They intend to occupy 33 of the units for the 2012-2013 academic year. The proposed 8 foot fence along the north property line will be installed before occupancy of the 33 units. They also will be installing sidewalks on the property. Ms. Lee explained that stormwater will be stored under the proposed porous bituminous paving.

Mr. Williams commented that Ms. Lee had the plan delivered to the Borough near the end of June, she also made a transmission of the plans to John Coukart, the Borough Engineer, who Mr. Williams asked to be present tonight. The Selinsgrove Planning Commission met and recommended approval subject to 3 conditions, including a positive review by the Snyder County Conservation District regarding Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control, adherence to the advisory recommendations of the Snyder County Planning Commission and installation of the fence subject to authorization from the Penn Township Municipal Authority. After further review and discussion with Janet Powers, Mr. Williams asked John Coukart to review the plan keeping in mind the comments by the Snyder County Planning Commission. Mr. Coukart spoke stating that he is in agreement with the Snyder County Planning Commission that a maintenance agreement and performance test upon completion of the parking lot should be conditions of the approval. Mr. Williams mentioned that the 8 foot high 200 foot long privacy fence required by Borough Council to be installed along the property line on the north side of the 18<sup>th</sup> Street Commons project was proposed on Ms. Lee's plan to be located within a Penn Township Municipal Authority easement for their sewage trunk line. He and the Solicitor walked the area and met with Penn Township Municipal Authority to determine just where the fence can be placed. Keeping these things in mind Mr. Williams did not recommend approval or conditional approval tonight. He cautioned that there are several things that should be worked out with the University before Council considers the plan. He mentioned that the plan can be implemented in two phases, providing occupancy of the first 33 units as proposed. The fence is part of phase one. The completion of phase two, parking areas, patios, and sidewalks can be accomplished later. He would like to let the professionals work this out and bring this plan back to the September 4<sup>th</sup> meeting for reconsideration. He requested that Council consider approval tonight to allow the University occupancy of the first 33 units, prior to the construction of the fence and action on the land development plan.

Motion by C/P Anderson to allow occupancy of the first 33 dwelling units, prior to the installation of the fence which was still under consideration. Seconded by C/P Charles.

**AYES: SEVEN (7) NAYS: NONE**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Emily Johnson** thanked Borough Council and the citizens of Selinsgrove for its support for the project to conserve the Snyder Monument. The last payment will be paid from the Gelnett fund upon completion of the base of the monument. She gave a picture of the restored monument to Council. SPI's Historic Selinsgrove Committee is meeting on September 5 at the Owens home, 32 South Market Street, anyone interested in local history or community events are invited to be part of this planning committee. They are thinking of having a rededication of the Snyder monument on May 27, 2013, Memorial Day as a part of the Memorial Day festivities.

Mr. Farrell thanked Emily Johnson for all her hard work on this project.

**DH&L Fire Company** – Gary Greiner stated that in July they had 23 incident calls, 1 in Franklin Township, 3 in Monroe Township, 2 in Penn Township, 11 in Selinsgrove Borough, 2 in Shamokin Dam Borough, 2 in Union Township, 1 in Upper Augusta Township, and 1 in Washington Township. They had a total staff count of 158, with a total of 253.16 man hours. They had 3 automatic alarms, 2 motor vehicle accidents with extrication, 2 good intent service calls, 2 Hazmat Calls, 3 miscellaneous fire calls, 1 medical assist, 1 over pressure/rupture call, 1 odor investigation, 1 power line down, 2 rescue calls, 2 structure fires, 2 trees down, 1 fire/arson investigation. Mr. Greiner provided Council with a picture of the new rescue boat.

**Selinsgrove Projects** – Tim Musser, Main Street Manager, reported that Selinsgrove Projects did not meet in July. The Hops, Wines, and Vines Festival was held on July 21, it was a success and everybody had a great time. The Selinsgrove Projects river paddle was held on July 29<sup>th</sup>, there were 53 attendees, Jim Charles made interesting presentations. Mr. Musser referenced a letter from Patrick J. Owens, President, Selinsgrove Projects, Inc. in regards to the Snyder County Trust Co. Clock which recently had the functioning mechanism replaced. At the June 19<sup>th</sup> meeting, Cheri DeSiena presented fees for purchasing and installing digital chimes, the fees are estimated at \$4,190.00. This cost includes thirty-three different chimes. SPI would like to sell bricks to raise funds for the chimes. They are asking the Borough to help in this effort by allowing the Borough Street Department to remove and replace the existing bricks.

Vince Stoops stated that he will go on record that The American Legion will match up to 34 bricks if sold before Veterans Day, in order to give the public more incentive to purchase the bricks so that the chimes can be installed prior to the Borough Christmas Tree lighting.

**Susquehanna University Campus Parking Study** – Ms. Lee gave a Power Point presentation regarding the campus 2007 parking study which was approved by Borough Council on September 4, 2007 as the new benchmark for campus parking. She then showed updates that she had prepared bringing the study up to 2011. The Geisinger Clinic parking is not included in the parking study because students are not allowed to park at the clinic. Spaces at the writer's house are allocated to that house. A total of 1908 spaces are now provided on campus. That is a 12% increase from the 2007 study. They want to count parking spaces by population, not by building, square feet or seats. She stated that every time they add beds to campus they increase parking.

C/P Viker suggested referring the issue to the Solicitor or to a Committee for further discussion. C/P Carroll stated that he wanted Ms. Powers and/or Mr. Williams to sit in on the Committee meeting. C/P Anderson said that we need to amend the Zoning Ordinance to look at the University in a different capacity. DZO Powers asked for an enforceable ordinance, not arbitrary "waivers".

**FINANCE AND BUDGET COMMITTEE –Payment and ratification of bills.** C/P Anderson, stated that the Committee met this afternoon and reviewed the bills for payment. There were 2 bills from contractors that they did not approve for payment from construction loan money. The Finance Committee would like to have the attorney decide whether to pay them or to hold them.

Motion by C/P Anderson to pay the bills except the two contractors billings. Seconded by: C/P Charles.

**AYES: SEVEN (7)**

**NAYS: NONE**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Statewide Tax Recovery, Inc. – Exoneration Request** – Mgr. Williams stated that we had a request to exonerate a tax bill for Eric Rogers for \$40.50, which was a duplicate.

Motion by C/P Hendricks, seconded by C/P Anderson to exonerate the \$40.50 tax bill of Eric Rogers.

**AYES: SEVEN (7)**

**NAYS: NONE**

**MOTION CARRIED**

C/P Anderson stated that the Library requested \$200,000.00 from the Gelnett Trust Fund to be donated over a 5-year period as a challenge grant. The Library directly received \$300,000.00 from Rudy Gelnett in his will, they would like to have an additional \$200,000.00 in order to name the library after Rudy Gelnett. The finance committee is cautious about committing \$40,000.00 a year for five years to one entity. The Committee anticipates receiving \$150,000.00 to \$160,000.00 per year in interest from the Gelnett Trust. A large request was also received from SARI for the swimming pool. The funds are limited to the interest received from the trust. The committee felt that it could provide up to \$150,000.00 over five years to provide a challenge grant for the Library to raise \$30,000.00 a year for five years, with the expectation that the Library will be named after Rudy Gelnett. The Library's Capitol Campaign design required a \$500,000.00 donation for naming rights. Several people from the Library Board spoke in favor of the donation. C/P Viker stated that since Rudy Gelnett saw fit to bequest the \$300,000.00 to the Library in his will he feels that is the amount Rudy Gelnett intended for the Library to receive. He thinks the additional funds were intended to be used in other community projects, for the people of the Borough. To have the Library come back and ask for additional funds causes him concern, this is a county Library, only a portion of its patrons would be Selinsgrove Borough residents. He would like to speak respectfully against motion. After further discussion a motion was made.

Motion by C/P Anderson, seconded by C/P Charles to provide up to \$150,000.00 over five years to provide a challenge grant for the Library to raise \$30,000.00 a year for five years, with the expectation that the library will be named after Rudy Gelnett.

**AYES: FIVE (5)**

**NAYS: TWO (2) V/P CARROLL and C/P VIKER**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**SEDA-COG PROPOSAL-** Stacy Richards, Director of Energy Resource Center for the SEDA Council of Governments, advised this program was started in 2005 when they realized that they have a region in which people didn't really understand the energy savings that are available. Her program educates people on building energy conservation and efficiency. They spend a majority of their time helping municipalities create the building blocks to better manage their energy use. She applauds the Borough on what they are doing with the new "green" building. They use a utility analysis spreadsheet with formulas imbedded, to track the budget process. She is currently applying for a state grant in which the state requires that the municipality share the cost. She needs to finish the application by next month. As part of the application, they must have a resolution from the municipality whom it will benefit, that you will share the cost. The cost for Selinsgrove is \$2,000.00. In return, she will get an additional \$2,000.00 from PA DCED. They will provide a utility analysis review, an environmental review and professional assistance.

Motion by C/P Anderson, seconded by C/P Charles, to enact a resolution to make \$2,000.00 available for this project with equal amounts coming from the Water, Sewer, and General funds.

**AYES: SEVEN (7)**

**NAYS: NONE (0)**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**HEALTHCARE:** October 1, 2012 is the starting date for the new health care contract. Mrs. Christine Kinney, The Borough Health Insurance Agent, has recommended continuing with our current carriers. There is a 2.9% increase in the Highmark Premium, no increase in vision, and a 4-5% increase dental coverage.

Motion by C/P Anderson to accept the recommendation for healthcare, vision, and dental coverage. Seconded by C/P Charles.

**AYES: SEVEN (7)**

**NAYS: NONE (0)**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**D.H.&L. FIRE COMPANY-** The fire company provided a detailed breakdown of materials and labor to replace the outbuilding roof. At last month's meeting, Borough Council stated that they would consider reimbursing the fire company for the materials for the shed roof. C/P Anderson stated that the money would come out of the Community Acquisition & Improvement Fund account.

Motion by C/P Anderson to reimburse D.H. & L. Fire Company for the material cost totaling \$2,261.00. Seconded by C/P Charles.

**AYES: SEVEN (7)**

**NAYS: NONE (0)**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**SARI Gelnett Fund Request:** The pool board produced a \$223,000 list of items they are requesting for repairs and replacement. The finance committee said they would help them out by looking at certain items on the list. They estimated that a water service connection would cost them \$30,000, the Borough estimated \$4,202.00. SARI estimated that paving two handicap parking spaces would cost them \$20,000, Gutelius Excavation estimated \$4,022.00. Before we can move ahead with the water line and paving, we need to get an easement from the school district.

Motion by C/P Anderson to direct the Solicitor to prepare the easement and work with the school district. Seconded by C/P Viker.

**AYES: SEVEN (7)**

**NAYS: NONE (0)**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Furniture:** C/P Anderson presented a quote from 309 Office Furniture for 10 guest chairs, one round table, and one loveseat for the new office. The total quote is \$2,076.00. No motion is needed to authorize the purchase.

The meeting was recessed at 9:15 P.M. and reconvened at 9:25 P.M.

**PUBLIC FACILITIES & SERVICES COMMITTEE: C/P Hendricks, Chair** – We have a memo from Larson Design Group. The reservoir cover replacement bid was awarded to Atlantic Lining Company on July 2, 2012. The Pre-construction meeting was held Wednesday August 1<sup>st</sup>. Fabrication will take place in about 4 to 5 weeks. The sand blasting will be scheduled and take place shortly.

Motion by C/P Hendricks to have Larson Design Group bid the SCADA system and an add alternate bid for the work to allow them to make adjustments for the maintenance garage, and for future add on to the SCADA System. Seconded by C/P Charles.

**AYES: SEVEN (7)**

**NAYS: NONE (0)**

**MOTION CARRIED**

The bids will begin on August 8, 2012 and close August 31, 2012. The bid will be awarded at the September 4, 2012 meeting and the pre-construction meeting will be held on September 28, 2012, March 20, 2013 will be the date for substantial completion.

**BOROUGH ADMINISTRATION / PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT: C/P Carroll, Chair-** The construction meetings continue to be held every two weeks. At the last construction meeting Solicitor Cravitz was present. Mr. Bill Palmer and his solicitor as well as Library representatives were present. They sat down and tried to work out several differences of opinion. They came to a better understanding during the meeting and then walked over to the building and went over a list of items. There was discussion as to whether weekly meetings were needed and the expense involved. Mgr. Williams suggested that he be given the latitude to call an additional meeting if he felt it necessary, rather than going to weekly meetings. Mgr. Williams stated that in order to achieve a Certificate of Occupancy we need to get the site

work completed for handicap accessibility and we need the stairwells completed, these are both life safety issues. We have exceeded the budget for professional services.

Motion by C/P Viker to allow Mgr. Williams to call an additional meeting if he feels that one is necessary. Seconded by: C/P Anderson.

**AYES: (7)**

**NAYS: NONE (0)**

**MOTION CARRIED**

C/P Carroll presented the revised plan for the plaque of the new Borough Building, asking if anyone sees any additional changes that should be made. The Committee had decided that Borough Officials and staff who are in office at the time of the ribbon cutting would have their names on the plaque. They also felt that the name "Selinsgrove Community Library" should be placed on the plaque, although the name could be changed in the future.

**COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS** –C/P Mease stated that he had an application for street closing for West Spruce Street from Rhoads Avenue to Magnolia Avenue on Friday evenings that the High School Football team play to allow for the post game activities of the Fifth Quarter. C/P Hendricks asked when the West Spruce Street, from Rhoads to Magnolia Avenue, was opened by Council, it was an unopened street. C/P Carroll stated that it was being opened along with the "Safe Routes to School" program and it had been before the Planning Commission and Council.

Motion by C/P Mease to allow the closure of West Spruce Street from Rhoads Ave. to Magnolia Ave. on game nights. Motion seconded by C/P Viker.

**AYES: SEVEN (7)**

**NAYS: (0)**

**MOTION CARRIED**

C/P Mease stated that the Town and Gown Committee met on July 26<sup>th</sup>. They discussed off-campus student housing and they talked to Chief Garlock about how the police address issues involving student issues. They would like to get the high school and the University tied together along with the Borough. An idea that came up was to have the high school band play at a University football game and vice versa. They will be having another meeting in October, to see how some of these things progress. They talked about the August 22, "Welcome to the Grove" event. There will be 40 businesses set up in the Commons welcoming freshmen and their parents to town. The high school principal suggested that seniors looking for a senior project could get involved with programs at Susquehanna University. She would also like to have student council meetings held in the Selinsgrove Borough Council Chambers on occasion to let them get a feel what it is like to be in the Council Chambers instead of a high school classroom for their meeting.

**PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE** –C/P Charles, Sr. - No Report.

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE** – C/P Vicker, thanked all the staff and police involved in helping the Brew Fest go so smoothly. He had no other report.

Vince Stopped suggested that an officer be stationed at Pine and Market Street Saturday Evenings between 11:00 P.M. and 3:00 A.M. during the school year. He has been a resident of Market Street for the past 4 years and has had to call the police several times, due to noise, broken glass etc. C/P Viker stated that the Police Chief is aware of the problems and he will speak to the Chief in this regard again.

**PLANNING COMMISSION** – DZO Powers, stated that there is a vacancy on the Planning Commission created when Kurt Knitter moved overseas to work. During it's July 27<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Planning Commission made a motion to appoint Rocky Baer to the unexpired term of Kurt Knitter. That term expires 12/31/2015.

Motion by C/P Hendricks to appoint Rocky Baer to the unexpired term of Kurt Knitter on the Selinsgrove Planning Commission. Motion seconded by: C/P Viker.

**AYES: SEVEN (7)**

**NAYS: (0)**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Council received a letter of resignation as a member of the Selinsgrove Planning Commission from long time Commissioner, Karl Rohrbach. The Rohrbach's are moving to the Lancaster area to be nearer their daughter. That resignation is as of September 1, 2012.

A motion was made by C/P Carroll to accept the resignation of Dr. Rohrbach with regret. Motion seconded by C/P Hendricks.

**AYES: SEVEN (7)**

**NEYS: (0)**

**MOTON CARRIED**

**ZONING HEARING BOARD**-Cyril Runkle, Chairman. DZO Powers reported that the Board did meet on August 2, 2012 and granted a variance for a small shed to be placed on a 20 foot wide, non-conforming lot on Ninth Street.

**CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION**-Dalton Savidge, Chairman. Mgr. Williams reported that last month, Council authorized the expenditure of \$1,100.00 for professional services to update the rules and regulations and review the application that is used to hire a police officer. The consultant provided a professional services agreement, which Mgr. Williams and Solicitor Crivitz reviewed, and they do not recommend its approval because of an indemnification clause. Mgr. Williams will try to work on it with the professional to try to overcome that problem.

**PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD**-Rocky Baer, Chairman. The meeting minutes of the 7/24/2012 Meeting were distributed. He stated that the Summer Kids Program has been going well. They are seeing less attendance as the summer goes on. They have discussed age requirement for the program, and most feel that the children should have completed first grade. They will discuss this further before next summer. On August 17<sup>th</sup> they are having a cookout for kids and parents during the second session, everyone is invited, bring a covered dish. A volunteer effort has been organized for Saturday August 11, at 9:00 A.M. to work on apparatus for 9 activities to be incorporated into the dog park. A possible phase 3 will be to expand the area and create a separate area for smaller dogs. In order to achieve this, Susquehanna University will have to approve the use on their property. They hope to pave an area of the Lifetrail that is consistently muddy. They hope to coordinate the paving project with other borough paving projects. Their next meeting is September 25<sup>th</sup>.

C/P Hendricks stated that the Borough Engineer submitted design specs and an updated cost estimate to the PA Fish and Boat Commission on 8/1/2012 for the Isle of Que Boat Launch. Follow-up from the Fish and Boat Commission indicated that the contract documents were approved but they did not give any comments on the plan review. The contract documents were provided to the Borough and its Solicitor for review, we will release the project for bid upon hearing from the PA Fish and Boat Commission. He would like to authorize the Borough Engineer to release those bid documents once he receives final approval from the PA Fish and Boat Commission and he would prefer not to draw this out until the September meeting.

Motion by C/P Hendricks to authorize the Borough Engineer to release bid documents contingent upon final approval from PA Fish and Boat Commission. Seconded by C/P Viker.

**AYES: SEVEN (7)**

**NEYS: (0)**

**MOTION CARRIED**

C/P Hendricks stated that he applied for Parks and Recreation to have a stand at the "Welcome to the Grove" event to be held on August 22, 2012, from 6:30 to 8:00 PM and he will be working and asked for volunteers.

**SHADE TREE COMMISSION**- Charles Fasold reported that they will have a fall planting. They are selecting spots for the trees. They are interested in putting some trees on South Market Street in the area of University Avenue down to Bough Street, possibly on both sides of the street. They have been in

contact with two different groups from Susquehanna University who would like to help plant trees. They had 100% success rate on the last planting. Dave Faust helped with an ailing tree which is now fine.

**POLICE CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE-** Dottie Anderson stated that they have had one meeting and have two more dates are set up for meetings.

### **BOROUGH ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

**MAYOR-** Sean Christine- police reports were emailed to him late, after the council minute packet went out. Sean reviewed the report with the Chief and he said there were no major concerns. On August 25 he will be doing the final phase of the creek project. Susquehanna University has arranged for 20 students to help with the project for their day of service. Mayor Christine mentioned that he did a proclamation for Red Shirt Friday, through the end of December. This is a VFW project to raise money for homeless veterans; he showed an example of the shirt that can be purchased at the VFW, the American Legion, Bot's Tavern and the Borough Office. The second annual Emergency Services Banquet will be held on October 20, 2012 at the Susquehanna Valley Country Club.

**BOROUGH SOLICITOR-**Matt Cravitz stated that in regard to the ESCRA matter there was a proposed settlement offer sent to Attorney Ken Potter and we are waiting on that to return. That looks to be resolved.

**BOROUGH ENGINEER-**Coukart & Associates, Inc. Mgr. Williams referenced a report from John Coukart, with an update on the traffic signal, the capitol improvement project on Water Street, the Isle of Que Boat launch which C/P Hendricks reported on earlier, the salt shed which is underway with the Borough crew digging the footers, and lastly the Susquehanna University project at 18<sup>th</sup> Street which was dealt with earlier tonight.

**BOROUGH TREASURER-**Sharon Badman, a copy of the treasurer's report was accepted by Council with no comment.

**BOROUGH MANAGER/SECRETARY-** Paul A. Williams provided Council with a calendar showing what he has been involved with over the last month. He referenced a resolution for consideration, Resolution 2012-09 which would name him, Paul Williams as the Community Development Block Grant certifying officer. This was recommended by SEDA COG and is just a change of name for the officer.

Motion by C/P Viker, seconded by C /P Carroll, to approve Resolution 2012-09 as presented.

**AYES: SEVEN (7)**

**NAYS: NONE (0)**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Mgr. Williams mentioned that "Welcome to the Grove" is scheduled for Wednesday August 22, 2012, between 6:30 P.M. and 8:00 P.M. and he will be working with the Mayor and Police Chief and others as to what we should be providing at our table that would be of interest to a student and in particular a new resident. The next item, we have a high school senior who will be soliciting donations for the Veterans Memorial to be placed in front of the Borough Building. Mgr. Williams met with the student and approved his letter that he will be handing out to solicit these donations. Mgr. Williams will get with Stacy Richards to see if a formal resolution is needed or if a letter will suffice for her to go forward with the environmental review. If a formal resolution is needed it will be Resolution 2012-10. The Isle of Que bridge renovation project is on schedule to be opened on Tuesday, August 28, 2012.

**ZONING-**Janet Powers, Deputy Zoning and Permit Officer, stated that Council had lists of the permits and the recent real estate transfers in their packet for review. DZO Powers stated that she called Tony Korzenaski, Housing Director for Union-Snyder Community Action Agency, on July 13<sup>th</sup> for an update on the \$10,000 grant that was offered by the Central Susquehanna Community Foundation for unmet needs of flood victims. He has lifted the income requirements and has been placing news releases in the local paper in an effort to reach potential applicants. DZO Powers stated that she walked door to door on the Isle of Que handing out a letter in this regard. So far Mr. Korzenaski has received only 5 applications,

three of those families were considered eligible for grant money to be used for house repairs, washers and dryers, and other household items. Still \$7,122.53 of the grant funds remain unused. Most families had their needs met by their insurance companies and/or FEMA.

**SELINGROVE MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY-** Donald Bottiger, Chairman. Mgr. Williams mentioned that we had a request by a third party representing AT&T, they were looking for a change in the language of the contract. It became a non-issue because they claim the language is already within the lease with Cingular Wireless which was acquired by AT&T. No further action is needed.

**EASTERN SNYDER COUNTY REGIONAL AUTHORITY-** George Kinney and Carol Handlan, Representatives. The monthly minutes were provided. No comments were made by Council.

**NORTH EASTERN SNYDER COUNTY JOINT AUTHORITY-** Bill Hetherington/Diane Mengel Representatives. Nothing to report.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

C/P Carroll stated that he heard that Jeff's Recycling near Snyder town was looking into getting a machine that would make plastic pellets out of scrap plastics. He is wondering if we might have a market for the plastics we do not currently accept at our recycling center. Janet Powers, Recycling Coordinator, will look into it.

Motion to adjourn at 10:30 P.M. by C/P Viker, Seconded by C/P Hendricks.

**AYES: SEVEN (7)**

**NEYS: NONE (0)**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted by:

Janet L. Powers, DZO