

SELINGROVE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2016 - 7:00 P.M.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Pres. Marvin Rudnitsky, V. Pres. Pete Carroll, C/P Shane Hendricks, C/P Brian Farrell, C/P Tim Charles, C/P Rich Mease, and C/P Grant Neff

OTHERS PRESENT: Borough Manager/Secretary Paul Williams; Solicitor Bob Cravitz; Mayor Jeff Reed; Junior C/P Isabella Moles; Borough Treasurer/Assistant Borough Manager Sheri Badman; Recording Secretary Chele' Weaver; DH&L Fire Company Gary Griner; Selingsgrove Chamber of Commerce Nicole Sechrist; SEDA-COG Teri Provost and Bill Seigel; Parks and Recreation Meg Will; WKOK Alex Reichenbach; Penn Valley Airport Steve Bowers and Selingsgrove residents Vincent Stoops, Linda Derr and Bob Bickhart

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

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

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES FROM MEETING OF September 6, 2016

Pres. Rudnitsky stated that there is one (1) correction on page 3 under the UGI request to waive permit fees and/or paving requirements – it is the next to the last paragraph and the word repairs was included and it should read “that can spread its costs over a lot of rate payers.”

V/P Carroll asked if Council resolved Jason Martello's request for having packets made up for the public to view. Sol. Cravitz stated that a lot of the things presented are informational and are for Borough Council only for pre-decisional background and is not open to the public. If it would come out during the discussion, then you are personally welcome to look at it if it becomes part of Council's decision. If it does not, then it is just background information for Borough Council and not for the public.

Resident Vince Stoops stated that this stance contradicts what the Borough Manager said previously regarding his Open Record request for a letter that was submitted to Council from the Borough's Engineer. Sol. Cravitz asked Mr. Stoops was this after Council reviewed it or before. Mr. Stoops stated before and does this mean if he refiles an Open Record request that anything that has been discussed here before this Council can be reviewed. Sol. Cravitz stated only if it becomes an integral part of a decision.

Motion made by C/P Charles to approve the minutes with the change. Motion seconded by C/P Hendricks.

AYES: SEVEN (7)

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

DH&L Fire Company/ DH&L Ambulance League – Gary Griner

Mr. Griner stated that there were 19 incidents for September 2016 and they are as follows: One (1) building fire; three (3) medical assists, assist EMS crew; four (4) vehicle accidents, general cleanup; one (1) service call, other; one (1) smoke or odor removal; one (1) animal rescue; one (1) public service; one (1) good intent call, other; three (3) dispatched & cancelled en route; one (1) no incident found on arrival at dispatch address; one (1) smoke scare, odor of smoke and one (1) alarm system activation, no fire – unintentional.

Calls by township are as follows: One (1) in Jackson Township; two (2) in Monroe Township; ten (10) in Penn Township; five (5) in Selinsgrove Borough and one (1) in Shamokin Dam Borough for a total of 69.24 man hours.

C/P Charles asked Mr. Griner if after a certain number of false alarms, do people/businesses get charged. Mr. Griner stated that "yes" if it is in the Borough's district and there are four (4) or five (5) incidents.

Selinsgrove Projects, Inc.

Meeting Minutes – 8/16/16 – Copy Provided

Selinsgrove Chamber of Commerce

Meeting Minutes – 8/23/16 – Copy Provided

SARI (Pool) – Richard Mease – No Report

Parks & Recreation Board – Megan Will

Megan Will took the floor and stated she has a few things to talk about from their August 23, 2016 meeting.

Little Norway II – Ms. Will stated there has been an issue with skates being broken. This is due to the fact that people using them are not lacing them all the way to the top. The Parks & Recreation Board (PnR) came up with a sign to be hung down at Little Norway II that states ATTENTION! Failure to lace skates firmly to the top eyelet could result in personal injury and/or damage to the skate. Clean skates upon return.

Mgr. Williams has ordered a snow blower.

Walt Nichols who volunteers at Little Norway II would like to see "trainers" added to the list of things available for people to use. Ms. Will stated they resemble a walker with a flat bottom that has an edge to it to help people on the ice. The price is approximately \$125.00/piece. Mr. Nichols would like to purchase approximately six (6). Ms. Will stated they will include this with their budget request.

Boat Launch – Ms. Will stated there have been some signs that have been placed by a concerned citizen. The signs say "No Dogs Allowed Due to Owner's Not Cleaning Up". There are six (6) signs that have been placed there. Some are on wooden stakes, on the benches and on posts. This is not very classy to say the least. PnR's recommendation is to attach a sign that talks about people cleaning up after their dogs and also adding on it about the no smoking or tobacco use and also no alcohol. The other no smoking sign can then be taken down and everything will be listed on one (1) sign.

Ms. Will stated that someone has come forward to provide the dispenser that holds the bags for cleaning up after your dog at the Boat Launch.

Pump House Park – Ms. Will stated that Elaine Herrold came to visit the PnR Board at their August meeting. Mrs. Herrold stated that the VFW has offered to donate a 40' telescoping flag pole and American Flag. A Marine Corp. Veteran has also offered to donate a 2nd American Flag. Mgr. Williams stated that the flag pole base has been installed.

Ms. Will stated that Mrs. Herrold also talked about some of the landscaping at Pump House Park looking very "tired". Mrs. Herrold spoke with members of the Shade Tree Commission and they are in the process of replacing some of the older flowering trees. Mrs. Herrold would like to see the Canadian hemlock shrubs that are along the alley replaced. The lower portions of these shrubs are getting rather sparse looking. Mrs. Herrold has some ideas for getting the funding and volunteers to help. The labor

would still remain of removing the shrubs and the potential damage to the reservoir wall that is still there and the brick sidewalk that is there that goes from the alley to the gazebo.

The PnR Board talked a bit amongst themselves after Mrs. Herrold left and they are not sure about this endeavor. The PnR Board at this time recommends not doing anything – this is the area where everyone sits when they go to the concerts – the shrubs provide shade. If new shrubs are planted it would take many years for them to provide shade.

Mgr. Williams and Pres. Rudnitsky suggested to Mrs. Herrold that she create a sight plan. The Borough Engineer is to plot something out in a decent size scale – satellite view of Pump House Park. Mgr. Williams stated that this really needs to become a part of the Capital Improvement Plan for the park.

Bill Seigel & Teri Provost – SEDA-COG

Approve General Application for Signature for 2016 CDBG Funds – Copy Provided

Mr. Seigel took the floor and stated that they are looking for a motion to approve the application which has been reviewed by Council through hearings and has been approved by the County. The application this year goes through the Snyder County Commissioners.

Treas. Badman stated that this is a continuation for administration - \$17,370.00, curb cut reconstruction/upgrade - \$66,807.00 and private sidewalk/curb replacement - \$12,337.00 for a total amount of \$96,514.00.

Motion made by C/P Hendricks to approve. Motion seconded by C/P Farrell.

AYES: SEVEN (7)

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

Approve ARC Flood Resiliency Project – Copy Provided

Mr. Seigel stated that SEDA-COG over the last few years has become very engaged in responding to flood impact throughout our region – elevation projects, demolition projects and two (2) major flood control projects – a 14 million dollar project in Mt. Carmel Borough and most recently the completion of a 30 million dollar project in the Town of Bloomsburg. This has heightened SEDA-COG's awareness to the impacts of the floods on river communities in the nation.

About a year and half ago SEDA-COG drafted a white paper which they have carried to Legislators at both the State and Federal level. This is in response to the Biggert Waters Act of 2012 and 2014 amendment. For the benefit of the Borough some of you may or may not be aware that Biggert Waters is the flood reform legislation passed by Congress in 2012 and extended in 2014 which takes the flood insurance premium rate under the flood insurance program to actuarial levels. The estimates are that this will increase flood insurance rates by 300%-500% of the going price.

SEDA-COG began to assess what this means to our river communities. The impacts of this type of flood insurance increase is devastating. SEDA-COG also believes that the Federal Government can ill afford to continue subsidizing flood insurance. What we did with flood insurance was we took all the bad drivers on the road and gave them all to one (1) insurance company and then said "My God" you are losing money. All of the flood properties have been put into one (1) program.

Mr. Seigel stated that change is coming and the river communities are going to have to address this. What SEDA-COG has done is approach the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) and have received funding from the ARC which SEDA-COG is matching with its own general revenues to develop a self-assessment tool for communities to look at the impacts and a resiliency plan for the changes brought about by the Biggert Waters. As flood insurance increases, homes that don't have to have it – drop it. When flood events occur repeatedly they know floods are the only predictable disaster and can say where they are going to occur every time. When they occur repeatedly, the net result is the home is

continually damaged, the home is never quite completely restored and over time they become a blighting influence.

The homes that are required to have flood insurance through the flood insurance program, because of financing, may find themselves (often these are the blue collared communities) unable to pay both their mortgage and their flood insurance premium and forced to abandon a home that is now barely saleable because of flood insurance premiums going up 500% the day it is sold.

Mr. Seigel stated that as a result of this, SEDA-COG has put together a proposal. They would like Selinsgrove Borough, with your permission, to pilot a process which will identify the impacts of the Biggert Waters changes to flood insurance reform that will go beyond and help to educate the community, elected officials and develop partners within the community to define a resiliency strategy. This strategy will then empower SEDA-COG with the information they need to continue the argument with the state and federal government. It is critical that SEDA-COG invest in flood resiliency and flood proofing in our communities because the older communities on the rivers are not coastal zoned communities they are the economic engines of the region.

Teri Provost took the floor and stated that what this means to Selinsgrove is that there are three (3) components. The first one being a survey of those businesses and people who live in the flood plain in the Borough. This would address a lot of different areas whether people have flood plain insurance, how many claims have been turned in, etc.

The second component would be municipal information – SRL properties, number of claims, tax assessment values, historic district and things SEDA-COG could work with Borough staff to understand what is going on in the community. Ms. Provost stated they would like to bring these two (2) components together and have a public meeting with those persons who live in the flood plain or who have a business in the flood plain and get some additional information that you can only receive if you are in a room and having a discussion with these folks. These tools will be very helpful in being able to have some real outcomes here and knowing what needs to be done and prioritizing them.

Ms. Provost stated that the data that is collected and having a public meeting can pull people out of the community who may want to be involved. These folks could be put in a work group and would be informed about what needs to be worked towards and what type of prioritization needs to be in the flood plain. This work group would then have some solutions and outcomes that would then go to a task force that would be designated by Council and would implement solutions in the Borough. Solutions could mean elevation of lots of SRL's, buyouts, retrofitting, elevating utilities, elevation certifications, etc. These are real solutions on the ground.

Mr. Seigel stated in summary what SEDA-COG is proposing is that they would pilot the program in Selinsgrove Borough (Selinsgrove was selected because of its proximity to their offices). Additionally, SEDA-COG found working with the Borough's staff that there is a very distinct commitment to flood resiliency and they feel there are a lot of components in the Borough that would allow them to pilot the program.

This program will then be taken and offered to four (4) other communities in the SEDA-COG region – specifically Newport Borough, Danville Borough, Milton Borough and Lewisburg Borough.

The timeline for the Borough will start in the next few months and would probably run about a nine (9) month period of time. Mr. Seigel stated that Elevation Certificates are land surveyor or professional engineer determinations of the floor elevations of the structures as they relate to the flood elevations. Elevation Certificates are very important because if you are in the 100 year flood plain and you are pre-FIRM (meaning your home was built pre flood insurance rate mapping) everyone pays the same price – whether you get one (1) inch of water in a 100 year event or 10 feet of water. With an Elevation Certification you get treated just like a post-FIRM date (meaning you get based on actual flood exposures) it can mean a significant savings to those that are in the flood plain.

Mr. Seigel stated that there is no cost to the Borough with the exception of some help from the Borough staff and some time and commitment from Council. SEDA-COG has been successful in obtaining ARC funding and it will be matched with local funds from SEDA-COG. As of Friday, September 30, 2016 the legislature has found it within their power to actually earmark state wide about \$650,000.00 to be used to take this program around the state in the river communities.

Mgr. Williams stated that he is in favor of doing this. He recently attended the Community Ratings System (CRS) program. The residents of Selinsgrove who purchased flood insurance receive a 15% discount in their flood insurance rate. The Borough has achieved a Class 7 – with one (1) being the best and 10 being a beginning community in the CRS programming. There are not very many communities that are ranked 1-5. In order for Selinsgrove to make the move to a higher percentage discount from a seven (7) to a six (6) it requires a committee. This is right on target to help the Borough improve its CRS rating.

Mr. Seigel stated that under the Elevation Certificate Program SEDA-COG has solicited proposals from engineering and surveying firms and have received group pricing. SEDA-COG could most likely offer Selinsgrove Borough residents Elevation Certificates at a rate somewhere in the neighborhood of about \$500.00. The going rate is somewhere between \$700.00 and \$900.00. The homeowner would be in charge of paying this amount.

Motion made by C/P Hendricks to approve the ARC Flood Resiliency Project. Motion seconded by V/P Carroll.

AYES: SEVEN (7)

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

Penn Valley Airport – Update on Hanger - Steve Bowers

Mgr. Williams stated that Mr. Bowers is prepared to answer questions and provide background information.

Mgr. Williams informed Council that Penn Valley Airport presently has hanger space. Some of these hangers date back to as early as 1948 and there are others that were constructed in 1975 and 1985 – are at capacity. There is a proposal to add an additional hanger of 12,000 square feet to the facility. This will address a number of things – capacity, overcrowding, backlog of requests, transient shelter, attract more jets to Penn Valley Airport, increase capacity by 25%, increase their base of operations, opportunity to sell fuel and create more jobs.

The cost of the project is 1.25 million dollars. Half of which will be covered by state grant money and the other half will be covered by the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture. There are nine (9) stakeholders that comprise the Airport Authority and this includes municipalities and three (3) counties. The three (3) counties are Snyder, Union and Northumberland. The USDA is requesting that each one (1) of these nine (9) stakeholders adopt a Resolution. The Resolution will be in support of backing the payback of the loan over a 40 year term. There is a very attractive interest rate in the low 2%.

The way in which a guarantee will be made or considered by Selinsgrove Borough would be under the Local Government Unit Debt Act. This would be a pledge or a guarantee of about \$69,500.00 over the forty (40) year term. The request is for each of the nine (9) stakeholders to do the identical adoption of the Resolution and the identical guarantee or pledge.

V/P Carroll asked if some of the municipalities do not want to participate does this up the ante for the ones that want to participate. Mr. Bower answered that these are all estimates. The airport is out of hanger space along with Bloomsburg, Northumberland County and Sunbury. The only airport that is not out of space is Danville and they have a unique set of problems that keep the airport out of demand.

Mr. Bowers stated that Penn Valley Airport has put a state budget request in and it is not yet approved. However, where does the other half of the money come from? The airport was made aware of the USDA

loan program and a hanger is currently being built in Blair County using the same format. Fifty percent state grant and 50% USDA loan. What is unique is that Penn Valley has nine (9) owners. The USDA made it fairly clear that they need buy in from all nine (9). It doesn't necessarily have to be a divide by nine (9) formula – but they were very much leaning that way. If the airport cannot receive this type of support, they will then need to discuss other alternatives.

Mr. Bower stated that the new building could hold up to about 10 aircraft depending on the configuration. If the airport would be lucky enough to attract three (3) nice size jets, they would fill the building. The rent will vary by aircraft. The airports challenge will be to cover the \$2,200.00/month mortgage. There is a short waiting list at the moment of airplanes needing space due to the fact that they have to turn down airplanes for lack of space at this time.

The project will not need to be completed for up to five (5) years.

Mgr. Williams stated it is hard to measure what impact the airport has on the local economy. The airport is really important not only to Selinsgrove, but to the region. Companies having their own hanger space include Weis Markets, Ritz-Craft Homes and National Beef.

Others in Attendance

Borough Resident Vincent Stoops

Mr. Stoops wanted to remind Council that it is a person's choice to live in the flood plain and not the taxpayer's responsibility to pick up the costs of subsidizing the life in the flood plain. He realizes that the Borough ordered the million dollar pork dinner last month, but moving forward, just remember that it is not the taxpayer's responsibility to pick up the tab for living in the flood plain.

Mr. Stoops stated that having his camera present at the Council meetings has been a huge success. There are currently people who are watching at home. The problem is that the current wi-fi capabilities of the Borough building are not sufficient to simultaneously live stream the feed from inside the Council Chambers and for the library to function appropriately with its normal patrons. There is not necessarily any individual thing that is pulling band width – everything is not getting enough band width. Library Director Pam Ross called Mr. Stoops last month and they are trying to figure out what the issue is and then figure out a way to work together.

Mr. Stoops is suggesting to do the right thing and do what every other community is doing and have an official camera put up – tie it into the official audio system that then can be automatically broadcast. This is a one (1) click system and is not a complicated and expensive system. Mr. Stoops stated that he is rather poor and he has done this every month since January 2016. This is not expensive – all he does is click one (1) button and it is automatically on and broadcast to the internet and archived. You turn it on and turn it off. Mr. Stoops is encouraging Council tonight (Mr. Stoops knows that Council loves referring things to Committee to delay) to feel free to do it. Refer this to Committee/send this to Committee. Beefing up the community's wi-fi access and installing a camera in the Council Chambers – you automatically have all the public meetings officially recorded, archived, objective, no editing – just there on/off nothing in between. Beefing up the wi-fi would allow this to happen and for the library to function efficiently and for functions outside of the building for people to access this wi-fi. The Common's would be a nice place to have this since it is right outside the library and someone could borrow a book and go sit in the Common's, etc., etc., etc. – you get the point. With a small investment from the Gelnett Trust (which we know there is plenty of and we know that SPI doesn't need any more of it) the Borough can buy a camera that broadcasts all the public meetings and then you can get rid of him. He will not attend every month – he doesn't want to attend every month. He is only attending because there needs to be a camera in the Council Chambers because he knows current Council leadership is untrustworthy. Mr. Stoops stated that he will let Council discuss this when it comes time to discuss it.

Mr. Stoops stated that he sees Council is taking a look at the Borough Fee Schedule and separating it all out. He knows this will be discussed later. Mr. Stoops asked Sol. Cravitz if this is all identical and is just

straight pulled out from the previous one (1) – this is just a separate thing. Sol. Cravitz stated that it is a separate codification. Nothing in material changed. Mr. Stoops would like to recommend a few changes that someone tonight can make the amendment – put it into the draft Resolution and have it adopted. The first one is copying records onto electronic media – he would ask that Council insert into this that if a brand new packaged electronic media is provided that no fee is charged. There is no reason to charge \$20.00 to put something onto a flash drive that is provided. It takes 10 seconds and you are not covering the costs of hourly wages – you are just charging \$20.00 to prevent poor people from getting access to open records. Mr. Stoops is encouraging some Council member to embrace the poor people of our community and make sure they have access to open records by simply providing their own electronic media.

Mr. Stoops stated that the next item he would like to discuss falls under the Zoning and Hearing Board. Mr. Stoops is asking Council to consider a means for individuals to have this fee waived. There are a whole bunch of application fees and they are quite costly – this past year the Borough Manager went after an organization (because of political motivations) causing them to come to the Zoning Hearing Board to apply for something that the Zoning Board themselves did not understand why they were there. They forked out hundreds of dollars to come and have the Zoning Board question why they were even there. The organization had to take up a donation to help offset that cost. Mr. Stoops is encouraging Council to insert a mechanism to this to either eliminate the application fee until someone is denied (only charge them if they are denied) or reimburse it if they are approved. If they were there for no reason, there is no reason why they should have to pay \$250.00 to come and have permission to use their own property in a way that they were clearly allowed to do. The only thing this money does is fund the cost of collecting these fees.

Mr. Stoops did not realize this was coming up tonight or otherwise he would have come much more prepared.

The last thing that Mr. Stoops came with tonight and this is more of a down the road thing and he is encouraging.....Pres. Rudnitsky stated at this point that Mr. Stoops has 30 more seconds.....Mr. Stoops replied you let other people talk for as long as they want and you haven't enforced the Rudnitsky rule for the entire year, so if you enforce it now and even try to pretend that this is not politically motivated.....Pres. Rudnitsky asked how much time do you need? Mr. Stoops replied until he is done with this talking point, Marvin. Pres. Rudnitsky stated that is not acceptable.....Mr. Stoops stated that the more you interrupt me, the longer it is going to take. Pres. Rudnitsky stated to Mr. Stoops to please listen to him. He is offering Mr. Stoops the chance to complete his thoughts and is giving Mr. Stoops 30 more to one (1) minute more – he cannot talk interminably. Mr. Stoops stated he won't – okay so the last point he is here to talk about.....Pres. Rudnitsky stated you didn't answer my question and Mr. Stoops replied I don't need to answer your question Marvin – he is talking until he finishes his point and if you would like to enforce the rule that no one else has had to abide by, so be it.....Pres. Rudnitsky at this point hits the gavel three (3) times and asks Mr. Stoops to please sit down. Mr. Stoops keeps talking and states that the last point he is here to talk about is.....Pres. Rudnitsky states again for Mr. Stoops to please sit down and hits the gavel two (2) more times.....Mr. Stoops keeps talking and wants to address the Borough's Rental Ordinance. Recently the renters of our community had to get their properties inspected. This is effectively a tax on the poor members of our community. It's not fair and it doesn't help anyone and all it does is fund the cost of bureaucrats going around and doing these inspections. Additionally, Susquehanna University does not pay this on the rental properties they have on their property. They have far more rentals on their property than an individual has on their property. Mr. Stoops is encouraging Council – moving forward – to either make this equitable for everyone and start charging everyone or eliminate it. There is no need to have inspections for places that people choose to live in voluntarily. Mr. Stoops gets it, but there is an urge to try to force people to live in places that we deem appropriate – but that's not governments place. So looking down the road Mr. Stoops is encouraging Council to take a look at the Borough's Zoning Ordinance, specifically to the Rental Properties, and how disproportionately it affects the poor members of our community. Mr. Stoops appreciates all of Council who is mature enough to listen to the rest of his comments and respects the members of our community who might not be able to afford all the permitting fees. Those of you who are so arrogantly ignoring the

poor of our community.....Marv hits the gavel one (1) time.....Mr. Stoops hopes that it impacts the rest of you. Mr. Stoops ends and says have a good evening.

Meeting recessed at 8:15 p.m. to an Executive Session to discuss the Borough’s action with regard to the confidential information concerning the applicants for the new elevation grant being offered by SEDA-COG.

Meeting resumed at 8:40 p.m. with no action taken.

Pres. Rudnitsky did state a motion is needed in regard to the project to elevate homes at 310 and 320 S. Front Street.

Motion made by C/P Farrell to approve. Motion seconded by C/P Hendricks.

AYES: SEVEN (7) NAYS: NONE MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEE / COMMISSION / BOARD REPORTS:

FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE – Tim Charles, Chairman

Payment and Ratification of Bills

Motion made by C/P Charles to pay the bills as presented. Motion seconded by C/P Hendricks.

AYES: SEVEN (7) NAYS: NONE MOTION CARRIED

Statewide Tax Recovery/Berkheimer – Exoneration Requests – None to Report

Approve the sale of the 2001 Pickup Truck – Copy Provided

C/P Charles stated that the apparent high bidder was Josh Enterline for \$10,000.00.

Motion made by C/P Charles to approve the sale of the 2001 pickup truck to Josh Enterline. Motion seconded by C/P Hendricks.

AYES: SEVEN (7) NAYS: NONE MOTION CARRIED

Authorize Paul Williams to sign transfer documentation to sell 2001 Pickup Truck

Motion made by C/P Charles to authorize Paul Williams to sign the transfer documentation to sell the 2001 pickup truck. Motion seconded by C/P Hendricks.

AYES: SEVEN (7) NAYS: NONE MOTION CARRIED

Review 3rd Quarter 2016 Revenues & Expenditures – Copy Provided

C/P Charles stated that if anyone has any questions to please see Treas. Badman.

PUBLIC FACILITIES & SERVICES COMMITTEE – Shane Hendricks, Chairman – No Report

C/P Hendricks did inform Council that members of the committee met Thursday, September 29, 2016 with the Borough Manager, Borough Treasurer, Borough Engineer and the Street and Water Superintendents to discuss the 2017 infrastructure program.

This same group also met with UGI who was requesting a waiver on permit fees and also on relief from paving the entire width of an alley. This has been discussed with the Borough Engineer and he is going to take a look at the project and come back with a recommendation.

The next meeting will be the last week of October 2016 and the committee will have a recommendation on a resolution with UGI at the next Council meeting on Monday, November 7, 2016.

BOROUGH ADMINISTRATION / PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT – Pete Carroll, Chairman

V/P Carroll stated he has been getting some phone calls about leaf pickup. Treas. Badman stated there could be some spot pickups at this point.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS – Richard P. Mease, Chairman

Request to Close Union Alley for Farmers Market – Copy Provided

This will be addressed in the spring of 2017.

Fallen Hero Banners – November 1 thru November 16, 2016 – Copy Provided

Motion made by C/P Mease to approve. Motion seconded by C/P Hendricks.

AYES: SEVEN (7) NAYS: NONE MOTION CARRIED

PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – Marvin Rudnitsky, Chairman

Pres. Rudnitsky did state the committee met to discuss salary increases.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – Grant Neff, Chairman

Meeting Agenda – 9/28/16 – Copy Provided

C/P Neff did state that the committee is in favor to petition PennDOT to see if they would be willing to reduce the speed limit on Market Street from East Snyder Street to Spruce Street from 35 mph to 25 mph. This is a blind curve and motorists are picking up speed.

PLANNING COMMISSION – Earl Moyer, Chairman – No Report

ZONING HEARING BOARD – Cyril Runkle, Chairman

Appeal by David Felicio – Copy Provided

Pres. Rudnitsky stated this is regarding Mr. Felicio's proposed use of part of a building (2 S. High Street) to make kombucha (fermented tea).

Mgr. Williams is asking for permission to allow Sol. Cravitz to attend the Zoning Hearing Board meeting which is Thursday, October 6, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. Sol. Cravitz did state that this is in the C1 (General Commercial) district and would not be a permitted use since it is food processing.

Motion made by C/P Charles to allow Sol. Cravitz to attend the Zoning Hearing Board meeting. Motion seconded by V/P Carroll.

AYES: SEVEN (7) NAYS: NONE MOTION CARRIED

CIVIL SERVICES COMMISSION – Dalton Savidge, Chairman – No Report

SHADE TREE COMMISSION – Bo and Joan Fasold

Meeting Agenda – 9/15/16 – Copy Provided

BOROUGH ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

MAYOR – Jeff Reed

Presentation of the Police Reports for August 2016 – Copy Provided

BOROUGH SOLICITOR – Robert Cravitz, Esq.

Adopt Ordinance No. 825 – Adopt New Borough Code of Ordinances – Copy Provided

Sol. Cravitz stated this has been advertised. A consultant has been hired to codify the ordinances and put them in a computer program.

Motion made by C/P Hendricks to adopt Ordinance No. 825. Motion seconded by V/P Carroll.

AYES: SEVEN (7) NAYS: NONE MOTION CARRIED

Adopt Resolution 2016-06 – Fee Resolution – Copy Provided

Treas. Badman stated that there have been some adjustments that were noted in 2015. Sol. Cravitz stated that most of the fees are in line with other municipalities in Snyder County. In fact, some municipalities are actually higher. So the Borough is not the highest and not the lowest. Before these changes the Borough was the lowest.

Motion made by V/P Carroll to approve. Motion seconded by C/P Hendricks.

AYES: SEVEN (7) NAYS: NONE MOTION CARRIED

Sol. Cravitz stated that for Councils information there was to be a hearing on the Gelnett Fund on Friday, September 30, 2016. The Borough asked for a continuance because they did not have the information from Northumberland National Bank. Once this information is received the Borough will meet with Mr. Laudenslager and Council and the Borough's CPA and any Council persons of three (3) or less can meet and will go thru the objections one (1) by one (1).

BOROUGH ENGINEER

Update on pending projects – Coukart & Associates, Inc. – Copy Provided

Letter for SASD – Copy Provided

Update on pending projects – Larson Design Group – Copy Provided

Concur with Larson Design's recommendation for ESCRA to issue and enforce IWP permit for Ply Gem Stone (see item #9)

Mgr. Williams stated that this does require an action by Borough Council. This is a letter of review of an Industrial Waste Discharge Permit for Ply Gem Stone (PGS). They are proposing to locate to Industrial Park in the Philips Building. Alan Zeigler from Larson has done a thorough review and has provided comments. The Borough's focus is on total suspended solids (TSS's) and biochemical oxygen demand (BOD's). Mr. Zeigler does point out that there are some inconsistencies in the information that has been provided.

Mgr. Williams stated that this owner knows that there is an issue with total suspended solids concentration. So therefore, they mitigated with a substance which causes them to have a pH which is out of the range for the Borough's standards and Eastern Snyder County Regional Authority's (ESCRA's) standards. Furthermore, the product that they introduce creates a BOD problem which is above the threshold of BOD's which the Borough permits or ESCRA permits.

Mr. Zeigler concludes that perhaps there is something that the applicant can do to achieve a balance of both TSS and BOD. It is important to note that with the application of the appropriate sections of the Code, in coordination with ESCRA's consideration of the PGS Industrial Permit Application, we recommend only one (1) Industrial Wastewater Discharge Permit be issued to PGS. ESCRA should be given the lead in issuing and enforcing the permit with the Borough receiving copies of all documents, relating to the Permit, prepared by ESCRA and submitted by PGS.

Mgr. Williams stated that currently the Borough's standards are a dual process - both the Borough and ESCRA issue Industrial Waste Discharge Permits. In a recent case dealing with another applicant the Borough mimicked what Mr. Zeigler had just recommended. The Borough concurred with the issuance of the Industrial Waste Discharge Permit to the Isle of Que Brew Company.

C/P Hendricks stated that upon looking in the Code Book under section 115.17 item #7. It states that no waste water shall be discharged into the public sewer system having any of the following characteristics - #7 states containing any ashes, cinders, sand, etc., etc. and capable of causing any obstructions or other interferences with the proper operations of the Borough sewer system. C/P Hendricks stated that because sand is specifically mentioned in the Ordinance he is concerned about the wash down of the equipment and sand getting in and especially settling in to the sanitary sewer. If this concern could be addressed then C/P Hendricks would feel more comfortable with it.

Motion made by V/P Carroll to concur with the recommendation of Mr. Zeigler. Motion seconded by C/P Farrell.

AYES: SIX (6) NAYS: ONE (1) – C/P Hendricks MOTION CARRIED

BOROUGH TREASURER – Sharon M. Badman

Approve Treasurer's Report for Month of August 2016 – Copy Provided

BOROUGH MANAGER / SECRETARY – Paul A. Williams

Manager's Monthly Activity Report – Copy Provided

Approve Agreement to Provide Residential Rental Admin. Services – Copy Provided

Mgr. Williams stated that this item has been removed from the Agenda. This will be discussed further at a later date.

Appoint Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee – Copy Provided

Mgr. Williams stated that he would like no more than a minimum representation from Borough Council and the same can be said of the Planning Commission.

The following people have been acknowledged with an expression of interest to service on the Steering Committee other than members of Borough Council:

Borough Council (3 maximum) – Marvin Rudnitsky, Pete Carroll, Richard Mease and Grant Neff – Alternate

Mayor - Jeff Reed

Borough Council Junior Council Person - Isabella Moles

Selinsgrove Borough Staff – Paul Williams and Makenzie Stover

Selinsgrove Borough Planning Commission – Janet Powers, Member TBD

Selinsgrove Chamber of Commerce - Helen Walter

Selinsgrove Business Owner(s) - Rick Schuck

Selinsgrove Projects, Inc. – Carol Handlan

Selinsgrove Area School District – Chad Cohrs or designee

Snyder County Planning Commission – Lincoln Kaufman

Susquehanna University – Mike Coyne, Administration and Troy Spencer, Student (tentative)

The first task at hand is a training session which will be scheduled on a Saturday for about four (4) hours in the morning. This will be arranged by Robert Garrett and would be led by someone from the PA State University Cooperative Extension Office. This will help everyone be on an equal standing as far as an understanding of what their task is for the development of a Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Stoops took the floor and is encouraging Council to replace Mr. Coyne and Ms. Handlan who have both demonstrated themselves to not be community oriented but rather special interest oriented.

Motion made by C/P Hendricks to approve Mgr. William's recommendation for a Steering Committee for the Comprehensive Plan Update. Motion seconded by C/P Neff.

AYES: SIX (6)

NAYS: ONE (1) – C/P Farrell

MOTION CARRIED

ZONING – Deputy Zoning Officer – Makenzie Stover

Update of ZONING & PERMITS ISSUED – Copy Provided

PARKS & RECREATION COORDINATOR – Makenzie Stover

September 2016 Report – Copy Provided

SELINGROVE MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY – Donald Bottiger, Chairman – No Report

EASTERN SNYDER COUNTY REGIONAL AUTHORITY – Ed Mann

Meeting Minutes – Long Range Planning Committee – 9/14/16 – Copy Provided

Meeting Minutes – 8/17/16 – Copy Provided

NORTH-EASTERN SNYDER CO. JOINT AUTH. – Bill Hetherington/Dianne Mengel – No Report

Recess to Executive Session at 9:14 p.m.

Reconvene at 9:18 p.m. No action taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by C/P Neff to adjourn at 9:18 p.m. Motion seconded by C/P Farrell.

Respectfully submitted by

Chele' Weaver
Recording Secretary