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The Regular Monthly Meeting of Dupont Borough Council was called to order at 7:00pm on Tuesday, September 11, 2018 by President of Council, Stanley Knick, Jr.

Pledge of Allegiance was followed by a moment of silence in Memory of 911.

Roll Call:

Mr. Knick – Present

Mr. Kaminski – Present

Mr. Karkut – Present

Mr. Kowalczyk – Arrived 7:15 727

Mrs. Hansen – Present

Mayor Lello – Present

Mr. Knick called for a brief executive session regarding legal matters.

MOTION TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 14, 2018 REGULAR MEETING & SEPTEMBER 6, 2018 AND PLACE ON FILE.

Motion: Mr. Kaminski

Second: Mr. Karkut

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Knick, yes; Mr. Kowalczyk, absent; Mr. Kaminski, yes; Mrs. Hansen, No on August 14th, yes on September 6th; Mr. Karkut, yes. Roll Call Vote 4/0 for the September 6th minutes, 3/1 for August 14th minutes.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CORRESPONDENCE PRESENTED.

Motion: Mrs. Hansen

Second: Mr. Kaminski

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Knick, yes; Mr. Kowalczyk, Absent; Mr. Kaminski, yes; Mrs. Hansen, yes; Mr. Karkut, yes. Roll Call Vote: 4/0.

MOTION TO PAY THE BILLS PRESENTED. Mr. Knick added Pumping Solutions for \$715.00.

Motion: Mrs. Hansen

Second: Mr. Kaminski

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Knick, yes; Mr. Kowalczyk, Absent; Mr. Kaminski, yes; Mrs. Hansen, yes; Mr. Karkut, yes. Motion Carried 5/0.

MOTION TO APPOINT THE PART TIME OFFICERS FROM SEPTEMBER 11, 2018 TO THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL WITH NO GUARANTEE OF WORK: Duane Saunders, Jennifer Polemitis, Todd Houghtlin, Thomas Sheehan, Christopher Fargione, Arnulfo Rivera, Thomas Rushnak, Robert Avvisato, Christopher Smith, John Urbanski.

Motion: Mr. Karkut

Second: Mrs. Hansen

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Knick, yes; Mr. Kowalczyk, arrived and voted yes; Mr. Kaminski, yes ; Mrs. Hansen, yes; Mr. Karkut, yes. Motion Carried 5/0.

REPORTS:

Treasurers Report: (Submitted by Albert B. Melone Company, Business Consultants) August 31, 2018 balances unless otherwise noted.

General Fund – \$ 27,873.15 (9-5-18)

Payroll Fund – \$ 6,469.74 (9-5-18)

Refuse Fund - \$ 34,558.50

Sewer Maintenance Fund - \$ 468,928.96
Liquid Fuels Fund - \$ 91,857.03
Police Pension Fund - \$915,177.00
Childrens Fund - \$970.64
Centennial Clock - \$ 5,410.14
Special Fund - \$ 203,006.27
Balance Loan for School - \$ 205,834.58

Tax Collector Report – Submitted by Joy Tetlak Adelstein, Tax Collector for August 2018

Balance Collectable Beginning of Month - \$20,749.49
Less Face Collections for the Month - \$ 1,070.37
Less Exonerations - \$252.16
Balance Collectable End of Month - \$ 19,427.96
Plus Penalties - \$132.14
Total Cash Collected deposited into General Fund \$ 1202.51

Mayor Report – None

Police Report - Chief Doran reported the following for the month of August 2019:

Criminal Arrests-1; Traffic Citations Issued-27; Non Traffic Citations issued-1; Appearances in County Court-4; Appearances in Juvenile Court-0; Motor Vehicle Accidents-8; Assist to EMS/Fire-5; Assist to Other Police Department-4; Alarms-3; Burglaries-0; Robberies-0; Thefts-4; Vandalism-0; PFA Violations-0; Domestic Reports-5; Suspicious Activity-15; DUI Arrest-1; Miscellaneous Calls-30; Building Checks-64; Code Enforcement-3. Vehicle Mileage: Explorer- 16,484; Taurus – 56,339; Crown Vic – 123,276.
Magistrate Fines Collected - \$2,341.11.

Solicitor Report – None

Engineer Report – (1) Sidewalk by railroad is complete. He looked at it today before the meeting. It will do its purpose which is erosion. He did not like the way they tapered the ends. His discussion with them was to be done differently. The main objective there is to be passable and control the erosion. It should do that. Bob suggested holding part of the payment back until Penn DOT HOP is closed out. They may come in and ask why this wasn't done or something and you already paid them?. Mrs. Hansen asked about a rail. She went over there after the last meeting and if anybody is walking to, and somebody nudges somebody, they are going to go down in that hole. Bob asked if the railing is gone. Stan stated yes. Mrs. Hansen said there is no railing there. Patty stated there is a space between the edge of the sidewalk and the railing that is over the ditchline. Bob did not look at that part of it. He did see the existing railing. Bob suggested filling it in. Stan looked at it and questioned the slope. He thinks maybe they thought with that slope the water would run off. Bob was hoping they built it up with gravel or modified to match the grade, that is what they were instructed to do. Obviously, they did not do that. Stan said you were the one that dealt with them. Patty asked if she needs to call Penn DOT to close out the HOP. Bob responded yes, it is in Dupont Borough's name. Bob will look at the railing closer and the transition with the curbline. He is not sure Penn DOT will accept the blacktop to the curb. Mrs. Hansen asked why the sidewalk so much higher, is it because it is eroding underneath. Penn DOT curb standard is six inch standard so the sidewalk has to be that way. He was hoping they would have tapered it a little and bring gravel up to it. When they dug out the sidewalk he told them to leave material and stock pile it. Fill it in, tamp it and pave curb and transition it down. Patty asked if Bob received the email from Harrisburg regarding the payment requesting copy of the bond and other

documents. Bob stated our response is that we followed the municipal bidding requirements and falls below threshold so we are not required to obtain bonds. We can cite the borough code. (2) Working with Patty at the end of Lidy, on the new road at the washout. We are waiting to meet with Penn DOT. We spoke with Pennsy Supply who constructed the project and they gave us a price of \$15,589. Bob can't see spending the money until we get a permanent solution, this is the third washout up there. Mr. Kaminski stated it started with the water company. Bob agreed that started it but he thinks the ditch is too small. Two pipes into the ditch before it goes down to the road. In talking with the contractor he had concerns during construction. Bob stated he does not feel the borough should be responsible for that if it is a design or construction issue. Patty stated now that we signed the agreement that is going to be the argument and the other point is if we use liquid fuels money we are going to have to bid it out and can't give it to Pennsy anyway. Is that correct. Bob stated the threshold is \$20,000 so you would need three bids. Patty is referring to the issue with the salt shed. Bob stated you would have to get three prices, but would not have to publically advertise it. He suggested getting prices from two other contractors. Patty asked what if one contractor is over \$20,000 and Bob noted as long as one is under the threshold it should be ok but we can check that with our Liquid Fuels representative Chris Goetz.

Stan asked Bob if he looked at the drain issue on Almond Street. Bob stated they have some ideas, and it is not going to be a cheap fix. Stan stated it has to be done, especially with this water. He would like to see specs on it so we can get this out for bid and see where we go from there. Bob stated not to make light of what's been going on, but this summer has been brutal. Stan said it was bad before. Bob agreed, but at the same time places that normally don't get water, got water. Bob added he will do this project right beyond the Penn DOT right of way.

Crime Watch Report - September 1st 5k Race, Lions Club and Crime Watch, and party in the park afterwards. The race was very successful. Everybody had a good time. Everyone said it was well organized and very well run. Everyone enjoyed it. The Party in the Park was well attended. Everyone enjoyed the bands. The next meeting will be on September 26th, one day earlier due to schedule conflict. One other event to be announced is the Lions Club Trunk R Treat to be held October 27th at the memorial field behind the school. Hot dogs, entertainment, pumpkins, movie at the end. Will be a good time for the kids. Anyone wanted to plan and assist, more than happy to have you.

Council President's Report –

Recycler - 18,647

F 550 - 17,354

Stan advised (1) that the first reading of the proposed 2019 budget will be at the October meeting, the second reading in November and the final reading and adoption in December. (2) Recycling was 26.66 tons and Trash 76.42 tons. (3) DPW is checking all the trucks getting ready for the winter. (4) Four tires were put on the skidsteer (5) We have one person looking at putting running boards and fixing the box on the F550. If anyone knows anybody to give a price that does welding, right now Arena is looking at it. (6) The concrete is being poured at the bridge tomorrow, it was pushed back because of weather (7) The clock is being installed tomorrow at 9am. (8) Thanked Mr. Karkut and Mr. Frank Potera for helping him install one more sign. There is one more sign coming from Avoca. Hopefully he can get to that shortly.

Code Enforcement Report – Patty read the update from Officer Polemitis with reference to 12 non payment accounts for refuse filed with magistrate. 6 made payment plans, 1 pmt in full, 5 no payments

to date. Three of the five no longer in Dupont. Two accounts owe for over three years. Sewer payments since last meeting was \$585 with \$30 late fees; and refuse was \$853.50 for initial fees and \$2525 for additional and bulk sticker sales.

Secretary Report -

Patty advised the report is in the books for the meeting this evening and is pretty lengthy. If anyone has any questions, feel free to ask. It is basically anything that has done on since the last meeting. I will answer any questions.

Stan questioned Mayor Lello as the Trunk N Treat and if there is insurance. Mayor Lello will provide a certificate and Patty noted she has the certificate on file from the 5K and Party in the Park.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE REPORTS PRESENTED.

Motion: Mrs. Hansen

Second: Mr. Karkut

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Knick, yes; Mr. Kowalczyk, yes; Mr. Kaminski, yes; Mrs. Hansen, yes; Mr. Karkut, yes. Motion Carried 5/0.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MMO FOR THE NON UNIFORM POLICE PENSION PLAN FOR 2019 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2470.00 AND APPROVE STANLEY KNICK, JR. , CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Motion: Mr. Kaminski

Second: Mrs. Hansen

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Knick, yes; Mr. Kowalczyk, yes; Mr. Kaminski, yes; Mrs. Hansen, yes; Mr. Karkut, yes. Motion Carried 5/0.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MMO FOR THE POLICE PENSION PLAN FOR 2019 AS \$0 AND APPROVE STANLEY KNICK, JR. CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Motion: Mrs. Hansen

Second: Mr. Kowalczyk

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Knick, yes; Mr. Kowalczyk, yes; Mr. Kaminski, yes; Mrs. Hansen, yes; Mr. Karkut, yes. Motion Carried 5/0.

MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 3 OF 2018 ESTABLISHING 4-WAY STOP SIGN INTERSECTION AT HILLSIDE AND WALNUT AS ADVERTISED.

Motion: Mrs. Hansen

Second: Mr. Karkut

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Knick, yes; Mr. Kowalczyk, yes; Mr. Kaminski, no; Mrs. Hansen, yes; Mr. Karkut, yes. Motion Carried 4/1. (Stan called second for Mr. Kaminski, upon his no vote, Mrs. Hansen questioned the second and it was corrected that Mr. Karkut seconded the motion.

MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 4 OF 2018 ESTABLISHING NO PARKING SIGNS ON LIDY ROAD BRIDGE OVER SR2059 AS POSTED AND AS ADVERTISED.

Motion: Mr. Kaminski

Second: Mrs. Hansen

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Knick, yes; Mr. Kowalczyk, yes; Mr. Kaminski, yes; Mrs. Hansen, yes; Mr. Karkut, yes. Motion Carried 5/0.

MOTION TO AWARD THE 2019 AND 2020 REFUSE AND BULK ITEM COLLECTION TO SOLID WASTE SERVICES INC. DBA J.P. MASCARO AND SONS PER LOW BID OF \$334,896.00 2 YR BID. (\$13,954 MONTH) AND APPROVE RULES AND REGULATIONS AND CUSTOMER BROCHURE AGREED AND SIGNED BY BOTH PARTIES, JP MASCARO AND DUPONT BOROUGH

At this time Mr. Knick stated he is not going to ask for a motion and apologized to representatives from JP Mascaro for bringing them down, but we have looked at it, it is not in our budget. We cannot afford it right now. We are going to end up keeping it by ourselves until we can work something else out.

Mr. Sam Augustine, JP Mascaro asked if he can speak. He again introduced himself and thanked council for the opportunity to speak tonight and I spoke to you last week. I understand budgeting, I certainly understand the citizens and the issues with costs. I want to take an opportunity there is a reason you went out to bid obviously. You were doing it with your own truck apparently. There are a lot of communities that have previously done it with their own trucks and their own employees. The cost to do these things for a public sector to do this, a lot of the costs are I wouldn't say hidden, but they are costs that are pushed off, you don't really understand the true costs to run your trucks. Some of these costs are for instance your workers comp. One workers comp issue can cost \$50,000 or \$75,000 that you may have to deal with. Your health insurance every year. This year they are predicting health insurance not to go up drastically like in the past. The health insurance has been skyrocketing. I'm sure you are giving them health insurance. Other costs, obviously, the landfill costs have stayed in fairly good order. Steel, trying to keep your trucks on the road, your costs for maintenance. It is hard to control those costs. There are so many costs that the municipalities have trouble controlling. The trash removal is our business. That is our only business. Trash and recycling. We service 80 municipalities. From what I see you are looking at what past costs you had given to your residents. I am sure you are worried about your budget and costs to the residents. It is hard, I don't know if you include these costs in your taxes or if you include costs directly and charge residents on a monthly basis to buy a sticker. I understand that with our bid it is going to go up severely. Number one, I would say you received two bids, not just Mascaro. Our bid was significantly, about 44,000 over two years lower than the largest waste company in the United States, Waste Management. So our costs are in line. Compared to Avoca, we are \$1.00 higher and Avoca was bid over a year ago. Costs have significantly risen in the waste industry. I want everybody to understand this. Our costs for workers comp, our cost for steel, our cost for equipment, our cost for health insurance, everything has risen over the last year. Our cost for drivers has risen significantly. No matter where you go, you see billboards to try to find drivers. We put in a price and I spoke about it last week. And one of the things you have when you do your own trash is you give excellent service to your community. With Mascaro coming in, as we discussed, don't expect anything less from us. Again, I talked to you about the other communities we serve, how we follow up with service. And we would do that with you. Now, one of the other things I want to talk about is budgets.

You have a situation where you asked for three bags, everybody doesn't put out three bags. I know you have a discount for your senior citizens. But the cost per month per unit here is \$11.69. I don't know how many people buy the stickers so I don't want to.. there are 1225 units and I don't know how many buy stickers. Your overall costs is \$11.69 per household. That means our truck has to come through this community, pickup three bags, every week. Four to five weeks a year. That is 4.333 weeks in a month when you consider 52 weeks. So we come through here for \$11.69 a month and you have a two year guarantee with our bond. A two year guarantee, so again for that cost. And again with all due respect if you go in to a restaurant for one meal it will cost you five to seven dollars. So for \$11.69 you have a

truck come through your community, with three people on it, drive safely, obey all transportation and safety rules, have to be environmental responsible, take materials to landfill, pay for disposal, pay for the hours on the truck, the maintenance on the truck, the workers comp and all these issues and I know it is a big step in terms of your budget. I know you went out to bid before, I'm not sure if you have sixty days to completely review this thing, but in my mind you have done an excellent job putting this bid together and would have a great partner to service this community.

Stan appreciates that explaining the workers comp, workers are still going to be here. We will not have any savings on workers comp or savings on insurance. They are still working on other projects. That is part of our dilemma also. We are not saving anything there. It would be different if we are losing employees or cutting staff.

Mr. Augustine added wages, insurances. I don't know if you are taking into consideration your entire costs. Again it comes out to \$167,000 a year or \$11.69 per month per unit. That is very reasonable.

Mr. Kowalczyk asked if this can be overlooked for another month. Stan stated we can relook at it until next month. Mark stated honestly it's his fault he is late, but it's the first time he is hearing about it and did not have a chance to overlook what they are discussing.

MOTION TO TABLE DECISION/MOTION ON REFUSE COLLECTION FOR ONE MONTH, NOTING IT HAS TO BE DECIDED UPON IN OCTOBER OBVIOUSLY FOR BUDGET REASONS.

Motion: Mr. Kowalczyk

Second: Mr. Kaminski

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Knick, yes; Mr. Kowalczyk, yes; Mr. Kaminski, yes; Mrs. Hansen, yes; Mr. Karkut.

This will give us more time to crunch the numbers and if we have to, we can have a special meeting.

Mr. Al Degenero, Deputy General Counsel for the company asked to speak. He spends as much time in municipal bidding as he does as a lawyer. He wants to add to what Sam had stated. I am sure you are doing your due diligence. There are a couple points I think you should look at. When Sam spoke about insurance costs, and I can tell you as a lawyer, and so can your solicitor. It is one thing to have these employees remain with you doing other work, but if you talk to any insurance broker, and classify employees as collecting trash, that is one of the highest insurance rated classifications for workers comp. Your premiums for workers comp go up significantly when they are picking up trash on the back of the truck. Number two, when you pay the costs to drive a packer, 20 tons down the street, it is much different than driving any other truck down the street. There is a significant dollar cost. I am not suggesting you haven't done your due diligence, what I am suggesting is you really need to look very carefully at costs attributed to trash collection and back out your trash truck or two trash trucks. Ask your insurance carrier what your cost is with the trucks and without the trucks. If you call the two largest companies in the world, Waste Management or Republic, and our company, everyone will tell you a private company will do it about 1/3 less than what a municipality will charge picking it up. When Sam says hidden costs, there are so many costs associated you don't factor in when you consider workers comp premium, costs for drug and alcohol treatment, driver qualification files, cdl driver, second cdl driver, mandatory drug testing, random alcohol and drug testing. So if you don't go point by point, you won't be able to attribute what those costs are. To be honest with you when Sam told me what you were proposing to do, to award the contract to us, he said Sam. They have to be subsidizing this. They cannot be collecting from the residents what this is really costing. There is no way what this program is costing is being picked up by the residents. The borough is picking up a lot of these costs.

The key is to figure out what those costs are. We appreciate your time. I know you have budget constraints. If your solicitor wants additional information, he would be happy to write a checklist, not to tell you what to do, but to see if you can attribute what those costs are. They are extensive costs in this business that you are probably not sensitive too. Stan said at the same token, a lot of the things you said, whether you pick up our trash or not, our cdl driver, drug testing, keep recycling, mack dump truck, we need cdl driver for that. We are still not saving anything there, we are going to pick up our recycling and have the mack which we need cdl for. So we still have that on the table. We are looking to cut costs and put our manpower elsewhere.

Charyl Nagy, 225 Elm Street – Question: If that proposal and we take it on, wouldn't that alleviate more people to pick up our recycling on time and our yard waste on time. Mr. Kowalczyk stated that is the reason we did this. Stan stated we are looking at the cost of how much it is going up for the residents. Charyl said I think that is something the residents should be made more aware of and be willing to pay the extra costs to do it. Charyl said her garbage sits out for so long, she has ants, bugs, maggots, smelly grass that was left because it was too heavy because of the rain in front of my house. Recyclables out in front of my house, the rain comes, the wind comes, it goes all over. It is making our town look gross. I suggest you put it out to the people that live here, if it costs me \$25.00 or \$50.00 I am more than willing to pay \$25.00 or \$50.00 to have them pickup my garbage timely not have our truck always break down, which (a) we would be paying for in the long run, (b) the recycling and yard waste is picked up on time. So in a round about way asking the residents if they are willing to do that, and finding out their answers and getting their input. If the majority wins, I say go for it because it is a win win for our community. That is her opinion.

Lou Posly, 243 Lidy – Saying something on that, once we are hooked with that company, what is the hidden costs after two years and after that. Mrs. Hansen stated negotiate (Mr. Posly stated he is not talking to you please, he is speaking to Stanley. Stanley stated it is a two year contract, after two years we will sit down and renegotiate the contract. There is no hidden costs, they are putting everything on the table. Mr. Kowalczyk through the Chair... Mr. Posly after two years what will be the cost. Sam stated it will be a public bid. Mr. Posly asked what if the bid is too high then what do we do. Charyl responded go back to what we have now, have the Borough do it. Mr. Kowalczyk, through the Chair, Mr. President, Mr. Posly, there were a lot of issues brought up at this time. First of all the packer is at the end of its life. We go through a lot of major repairs with it. We have to consider along with looking at a new packer in the next few years, probably a quarter million dollars, we are looking at a lot of projects in town that are not being completed because we have four borough workers out there collecting doing a day and a half of trash, yard waste, day and a half for recycling so you are left with half day Thursday and half day Friday to do projects in town. So we are looking at the idea of either hiring a trash company for two years, trash not recycling, so we are not locking ourselves out by any means. And we are also looking at the idea of hiring another employee. So that is another cost for the town. There are so many drainage projects in town that need to be done. Mr. Posly asked Mark if we have enough money to do it. Mr. Kowalczyk stated that is the point, that is what we are trying to balance out. We are not locking ourselves out by going with a two year contract for garbage only. We are still doing our yard waste and recycling. Our recycling truck is new. That is why we didn't consider doing recycling at this time. We are sticking to the garbage. The recycling we can handle. The recycling at this point if we hire out can be done pretty much at the same time. We can concentrate on projects that need to be done in town. Mr. Posly stressed the cost is important. Mr. Kowalczyk responded absolutely that is why this discussion is going on right now. Mr. Kowalczyk is asking for another month to review it because he does not have all the facts in his head. Instead of just saying it is not going to happen, let's take some more time and take up to another month. But by no means are we locking

ourselves out for two years to say this isn't going to work based on these bids. We are going to have to look to do this again on our own. However, that works out at the time, that is in the future, nobody can predict that. Mr. Posly agrees look at it very carefully.

Mr. Kowalczyk also explained that the gentleman from JP Mascaro met with us and they were very welcoming in working with the town. We brought up a lot of issues in the town. They were very much looking to be part of the team. Mr. Kowalczyk told Mr. Posly he knows what he is going to say, he understands that, they are looking for a contract. Mr. Kowalczyk stated he is a businessman, Mr. Posly is a businessman, I know how that works, you know how that works. But I like what I heard, Mr. Kowalczyk said. I don't want to just x it out. Give us another month and let us review it maybe we can balance it, maybe we can't. Give us another month that is what we are saying right now. Let us not jump to the gun to go to any direction. It is going to be October next month, so for budget reasons, we do have to figure this out one way or another. But if we don't go with them there are other expenses that are going to come forward to the town along with the ones that were just spoken about. Mr. Posly said we are at our limits as far as the budget is concerned. Mr. Posly we don't have much money to spend. Mr. Kowalczyk stated no small town does. But a lot of small towns are using a waste company to collect their garbage. We have to look at it a little bit deeper and get a definite answer by next month's meeting. Maybe a special meeting, but next month that is all we are asking.

Mr. Knick thanked Mascaro representatives and if we have a special meeting, we appreciate all you have done to get this going, and if we have a special meeting we will let you know. We have to advertise it anyway. We will sit down, look at it and get everyone's input on it. If it can be done, it is the best thing for the town if we can come up with enough money to do it this way.

Mr. Hansen simple accounting so obviously the garbage tax is a money generator for the borough. We can decide to do with that money what you want. Once we hire somebody to come in and do our garbage we lose the ability to generate revenue. Also look at if it is going to be \$40, \$50 or \$60 more per household to have these folks come in, what if we look at raising the tax \$15.00 or \$20.00 and see what that does for our budget and the additional revenue that that garbage tax would generate. I don't think that has been talked about or looked at. Stan said you are losing me because our garbage fees are not used to run the borough. All they are used for is our garbage. Mr. Hansen asked what we do with the excess revenue. Stan stated there is none. Our garbage, recycling, and yard waste takes up all that plus some comes out of our general fund. Mr. Hansen said we are talking about garbage, they are not going to pick up recycling are they. They are not going to pick up our yard waste are they. Mr. Knick stated you pay for that is the refuse fund. It is our garbage, recycling everything together. Mr. Hansen stated the borough workers still have to pick that up. Mr. Knick responded yes. Mr. Knick added we will have to pay them out of general fund and we still have to pay them out of our general fund. So we are not making money, we are paying for that service, right now, plus more is coming out of our general fund which is part of our taxes. Mr. Hansen asked council to look at the revenue being generated from the garbage tax, that is all he is saying. Take a look at it, crunch the numbers, you got a month. See what adding \$10, \$15 or \$20 to our garbage tax to our bottom line and how much more revenue that's bringing in. Mr. Knick stated right now we are looking at more than \$10, or \$15.00. Mrs. Hansen also stated it is going to be more than \$10 or \$15. Mr. Hansen asked how much more if we go with Mascaro. Mr. Kowalczyk stated \$60.00. Mrs. Hansen stated not everybody, it was \$60.00 for family and \$20.00 for seniors. Businesses we are still working on it. Mr. Hansen stated that is not going to cover it. I guarantee that is not going to cover it. Mrs. Hansen questioned Mascaro about talking about Avoca, per household. Sam stated Avoca is \$1.00 less than yours. Avoca's is \$10.69 yours is \$11.69 per households. Sam added we are doing 16 to 18 municipalities, Carbondale, Nanticoke, W-B Twp.,

Wyoming. This \$11.69 is a low figure. Mrs. Hansen stated the price per home for Avoca and Sam said \$10.69 one dollar less. Sam said one last thing, the best way to look at this, and he is not a council member, he is on the zoning board in his township, so he does not get involved with budgets like you do. So, if your truck, we are bidding to do this town in one day, and I made that known to you. Three workers. Your truck is out there a day and a half. That is 30%. If two days it is 40%. I don't know how much you pay for your public works, your maintenance, for your workers comp, for everything, but the quickest way to figure out what you pay is take 30% or 40% and this is what we are allowing toward garbage. And on the expense side, with the maintenance and the insurance, like my associate said, the costs are heaviest for the garbage, not for recycling, not for yard waste. That is how you have to look at this. So if your costs are \$300,00 - 400,000 a year for your public works dept., all you have to do is 30% or 40% is for your garbage. So in terms of how you are dealing with it budget wise, your taxes can only be 30 mills. Your fee however your fees are and how you charge your people I am just trying to relate that \$11.69 a month, you cannot buy a newspaper for that and it is a heck of a number for trash if you are looking at it in terms of your budget.

Charyl, you are going to raise, if you go with this, senior citizens \$20.00 and you are going to raise everybody else \$60.00 and seniors already get a discount, why would you not just spread that clear across the board and raise it 40/40. Why are you putting the extra burden on the younger generation. Mr. Knick stated there are less seniors than there are regular family members. Charyl repeated there are less seniors.

Mr. Hansen asked what about the bag costs. What are we going to do about the bags. Patty stated we are looking into different vendors right now. Mr. Knick stated we are also looking into stickers. Mrs. Hansen repeated we are also looking into stickers. Mr. Hansen stated if we are buying 200,000 bags a year how much are we going to pay for a bag. Patty stated right now we pay \$.25. Mr. Hansen stated \$27,000 on top of the \$167,000 we are going to pay Mascaro. Mr. Kowalczyk stated unless we go with stickers. Mr. Hansen stated and then you pass the cost of the bags onto the residents. Then the residents have to go out and buy 30 gal. bags. So you are not passing it on as a tax increase, you are passing it off to the household to have to go out and buy those 30 gal. bags. We have trash cans in our kitchen that are 13 gallon. Now we have to buy additional. Mr. Kowalczyk asked who do you propose we pass the expense along to if we need a \$250,000 truck. Mr. Hansen responded that is what the state is for, grants are for. Consider all your costs, I think you will be cheaper and not have to raise taxes in the borough if you continue to pick up trash yourself. \$60.00 for 900 or 1000 homes what does that cover. I crunch numbers for a living. Mr. Kowalczyk said I crunch numbers my whole life. Mr. Hansen stated you are not going to cover the costs. Mr. Knick said we will look at it. Mr. Hansen state you are going to pass an enormous cost off to the taxpayer, and to the household having them go out and buy 100 or 150 bags that they need in a year to put trash out. Mr. Kowalczyk stated we have to review everything. We need a few weeks. Mr. Hansen added it may not cost the borough. Mr. Kowalczyk said sales tax you pay for what you use. Mr. Hansen said put the bags in the bid and show transparency. Mr. Kowalczyk said I don't think you pay \$.25 a bag at the grocery store. That is the taxpayers expense no matter what. Mr. Hansen stated it may be less but its past on to the taxpayer. Mr. Posly asked what is the revenue, how much are we collecting for the garbage. Mr. Hansen asked how much did the borough raise in 2017 for garbage tax. Patty stated \$136,000. Mr. Hansen asked how much did we spent to pick up garbage. Mr. Knick noted he cannot say but it was all gone, plus some came out of general fund. Mr. Hansen stated he begs to differ. Mr. Knick said call me a liar. Mr. Hansen stated I am not calling you a liar he feels the numbers are off. Mr. Kowalczyk referred to the truck alone puts us way over that. Mr. Hansen said the budget for last year has all the numbers in there, it has the costs for

maintenance, the costs for fuel, it has the cost for manpower, it has all that. If you have last years budget and you crunch the numbers, I'm telling you your numbers are wrong.

Mr. DeGenero addressed Council President saying that there is a reason why several municipalities outsource this, it is not because it cost more money I can assure you that.

Mr. Knick stated referring to Avoca, they do not have a truck, they bring recyclables to location, they don't pick up recyclables, they pick up yard waste but I am not sure if they do it every week. There is a difference between municipalities. We do a lot for our residents. We will crunch the numbers and take a look at it.

Sam stated if you are bringing in \$136,000 and our bid is \$167,000 – that is \$31,000 and I don't know what you are charging the residents now but that is shortfall. Mr. Knick stated that is just with you, but we pay our workers, the recycling truck, with that too. So that is another day of work, two trucks off this budget, not counting yard waste. Al asked if recycling is every week or every other week. Mr. Knick responded every week. Al suggested a way to save money is do recyclables every other week. Mr. Knick stated they have a hard time every week, every two weeks, it will take three days to pick it up. Al then said then do half the borough one week, half the following week.

Mr. Knick stated that is like when we went with singlestream vs mixed. It was rough, what day to put paper, what day plastic. That was another headache.

Al thanked Council for taking another look at it. Council thanked them for their time.

MOTION TO APPROVE TWO ESTIMATES FROM M MAYO STRIPING FOR GUIDERAIL WORK ON NAVY WAY ROAD \$350 AND COMMERCE ROAD \$900.00 (HIT AND RUN DAMAGES TO GUIDERAILS)

Motion: Mr. Kowalczyk Roll Call Vote: Mr. Knick, yes; Mr. Kowalczyk, yes; Mr. Kaminski, yes; Mrs. Hansen, yes; Mr. Karkut, yes. Motion Carried 5/0.

MOTION TO PAY BALCHUNE CONSTRUCTION FOR WORK COMPLETED THROUGH LSA GRANT FOR MAIN STREET SIDEWALK PER BID QUOTE AS RECOMMENDED BY ENGINEER \$2715 (Issue payment of 50%) until HOP Permit and Work Approved (Mr. Knick asked the engineer how much should be held back. Bob stated 50% is reasonable because they did do the work. Patty stated then she will contact Penn DOT regarding HOP. Bob also said pay the second half after the punch list items and permit closed. Bob also asked a question on how it held up after the last rains. Mr. Knick stated he did not see any problems.

Motion: Mr. Kowalczyk

Second: Mr. Karkut

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Knick, yes; Mr. Kowalczyk, yes; Mr. Kaminski, yes; Mrs. Hansen, yes; Mr. Karkut, yes. Motion Carried 5/0.

MOTION TO APPROVE/AUTHORIZE THE REPAIRS TO THE NAVY WAY ROAD PROJECT .

MOTION TO TABLE UNTIL MEETING WITH PENNDOT. (Mr. Knick stated we got one bid for \$15,895 is there any other bids. Patty asked if we should hold off until the meeting with PennDOT. She emailed them three times. Mr. Kaminski motioned to table until the meeting with Penn Dot to see what was going on)

Motion to Table: Mr. Kaminski

Second to Table: Mr. Kowalczyk

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Knick, yes; Mr. Kowalczyk, yes; Mr. Kaminski, yes; Mrs. Hansen, yes; Mr. Karkut, yes. Motion Carried 5/0.

MOTION TO APPROVE/AUTHORIZE THE REPAIRS TO THE WALNUT STREET BRIDGE OVER COLLINS CREEK PROJECT

(Mr. Kowalczyk asked to speak since Bob is here and he did not have a chance to talk with him. He did talk to the engineer and he collapsed that road on Labor Day. There were two spots. The major washout was the side closer to the little league field which was pretty much a tunnel that went under the blacktop to the other side. That whole side was collapsed. He put an R4 rock in there which is about twelve inch rock, packed it down with the machine. The second hole which is closer to the kindergarten center was a deep hole but did not run across the entire road. It went from upper side to lower side of Collins Creek. Since we got the heavy rains, he did the same thing. He filled it with R4 rock, packed it down. There was about 24 inch hole with the rock that settled, about 12 to 18 inches. Is that a concern with the concrete going in because it is thick.. He collapsed it but didn't want to go any further because there was no void it was solid that would be ripped up. He didn't want to go any further but now it seems to be washing out more of the soil material on the outside of the tunnel. Bob asked if this is the upper side of the tunnel. Mark stated the one he is speaking about is the upstream. The lower side seems to be settling again. Bob said what happens is the water is not going through the pipe. It is on the outside of the pipe. Mark stated outside of the pipe yes. Bob said we need to get that solid so the water is not going to go through there. Mark said the water is still going to go underneath it but the concrete is going to be about two feet thick in that section. He does not want to see two loads of concrete come in tomorrow and then all of a sudden in two months its not working and go through the same thing again. Bob said it is difficult to predict. He does not know what else you can do differently other than replace the culvert at this point, but obviously that is not on the table right now. Will some of the water go around it, it should stay in place. Mark suggested more of the road can be dug across where the part that is settling is on the lower end which is where the soil, there is no more soil where the rock is, so the rock is holding in place, go further with it before concrete is poured. He does not want to see something collapsed. Bob said that is not a bad play either. Whether that water goes through the rock, under the rock, it is taking the fines with it. That will continue to happen and you may end up tearing out that second part of that at some point too. Mark said we should just go with it for now and if we see settling then rip the rest of it out. Bob said yes rip the rest of it out and do the same. Mark is fine with that but just doesn't want you to be aware of it. Bob said with that type of plug in there and the concrete and rock, it is not going to collapse or blow out that whole thing. You will see slow migration of materials. You will not see catastrophic failure of what we almost witnesses when that whole side washed out. It could have been tragic. Mark said I was on it with my truck that day. Bob said imagine if it collapsed. Mr. Kaminski jokingly added we would have gotten a free box culvert. Mark added there is so much concrete there and it is a flowable fill with pea gravel in it. Its solid. Mr. Kaminski stated go with the bigger rock vs pea gravel. Bob stated you mean in the concrete. Mark stated the point is to get it down into the rock. Bob explained pea gravel, flowable fill. Mr. Knick said he uses pea gravel. It is going to flow into more of the cracks than regular gravel will. Bob said it is a little loser. Mr. Kaminski asked what time for the concrete. Patty stated 11:30.

Motion: Mr. Karkut

Second: Mr. Kaminsk

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Knick, yes; Mr. Kowalczyk, yes; Mr. Kaminski, yes; Mrs. Hansen, yes; Mr. Karkut, yes. Motion Carried 5/0.

MOTION AUTHORIZING ROAD CLOSURE FOR 100 BLOCK HILLSIDE AND 100 BLOCK OF ELM STREET FOR SEPTEMBER 29, 2018 CANCER BENEFIT.

Motion: Mr. Karkut

Second: Mr. Kowalczyk

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Knick, yes; Mr. Kowalczyk, yes; Mr. Kaminski, yes; Mrs. Hansen, yes; Mr. Karkut, yes. Motion Carried 5/0. Mr. Kowalczyk noted they are purchasing insurance to cover the event so all property owners are protected. Mr. Knick noted the bridge should be open.

Mr. Knick noted the motions for refuse bags, calendars and window stickers, billing and bulk rates will be postponed until the issue is resolved with 2019 Refuse Collection. Even with calendars we may put out just a brochure.

MOTION TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF RUNNING BOARDS FOR THE F550 DUMP TRUCK AND REPAIRS TO THE BOX (Patty asked if we should hold off until we get the quote. Mr. Knick said wait for the quote on the box. We want to put running boards on there. The truck is kind of high. What is going to happen is just like the 3500 the seat is ripped, everybody sliding in and out of it. Mr. Kaminski suggested the step instead of running boards. The only reason is with snow plowing and full running board everything builds up underneath it. Mr. Knick said we will bring it up next month when we get the prices for the box.

MOTION TO ADVERTISE FOR OCD PAVING PROJECT

Motion: Mr. Kaminski

Second: Mr. Kowalczyk

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Knick, yes; Mr. Kowalczyk, yes; Mr. Kaminski, yes; Mrs. Hansen, yes; Mr. Karkut, yes. Motion Carried 5/0.

MOTION TO ADVERTISE FOR SIDEWALK ADA CORNERS

Motion: Mr. Kaminski

Second: Mr. Karkut

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Knick, yes; Mr. Kowalczyk, yes; Mr. Kaminski, yes; Mrs. Hansen, yes; Mr. Karkut, yes. Motion Carried 5/0.

Bob asked Patty to email the list over. The corners were Front with First, Second and Third and then over here at Quality and Elm by the borough building. Patty asked council to look over the First, Second and Third to make sure and Bob asked about along side of the borough building. Patty said there is about \$56,000 in the grant so how ever Council wants to prioritize it. Bob said it is about \$5,000 to \$7,000 per ada ramp.

MOTION TO REGISTER AND PARTICIPATE IN THE TIRE RECYCLING PROGRAM FOR OCTOBER 13TH.

Motion: Mr. Kaminski

Second: Mr. Karkut

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Knick, yes; Mr. Kowalczyk, yes; Mr. Kaminski, yes; Mrs. Hansen, yes; Mr. Karkut, yes. Motion Carried 5/0.

MOTION TO AMEND ORDINANCE FOR SMOKE FREE PARKS TO INCLUDE VAPS AND E-CIGARETTES

Motion: Mr. Kowalczyk

Second: Mr. Kaminski

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Knick, yes; Mr. Kowalczyk, yes; Mr. Kaminski, yes; Mrs. Hansen, yes; Mr. Karkut, yes. Motion Carried 5/0.

The next motion for railing on the sidewalk we will wait on until Bob takes a look at it and we will see what we can do there.

Matters from Residents:

Eugene Wesley, 314 Lidy Road - Mayor and Council I spoke last month about the situation, Patty and the borough guys do a great job getting the dirt everytime it rains. He stated he gets water in his cellar since that project started. He is finding the light is shining, the light is opening or whatever. The holding ponds up there do not hold water at all at the airport. Since that road was put in, he is spending money, showing the bag \$60.00 of portable blocks to block water. He has to put these on his curb. He is also speaking on behalf of his neighbor because his curb is only three inches. When the water comes down, we are on the low end of the road, on Lidy Road on the right side of the road. Now in addition to dealing with the 1.4 ton of rock coming down from the driveway across, he is dealing with water coming in his yard like a creek. The three inches on the low end of the road, and he is lower than the neighbor, he is getting everything. We have a Hurricane coming up the coast, which is wonderful. He has three pumps ready to go in his cellar. He has blockers. Something has to be done. Last month, he thought he heard an ok to put a blacktop curb in. He put a speed bump there, he put the sidewalk in, to stop the water. They put the road in, the road got higher, the gutter went away. Now the neighbor has a three inch curb, the water comes over and rolls into his yard and he has to eat all that water. His cellar got flooded three times. This all started with the new road. He did not get water for 25 years. He is in the homestead. It was problematic but he remodeled and it went away. The curblin is a disaster and something has to be done, not just slopped together, it has to be done right. He used cold patch. He is tired. He just put a new heating system in. Stan asked the engineer to check the area and Mr. Kowalczyk asked about the nearest drain which is down at Sunset by the tunnel. Mark is thinking of the best solution noting his father dug out the ditch. Patty asked how far from the drain on sunset is his property. He estimates 140 feet from the drainage channel. The upper side of the bridges or tunnel. Eugene said there is no problem with the drain it is the curb and the neighbors property. We are in a new climate era believe it or not and if this is how it is going to be, it has to be fixed. Mr. Knick talked about a drain up further and hook into the lower drain. That might solve it too. Mark agreed it sounds like the issue on Penn Avenue, a similar proposal. Bob would have to look at the size of the pipes and that it is not overwhelming by adding to it. Eugene said the speed bump can not be made any higher because he cannot get his cars in the driveway.

Lou Posly, 243 Lidy Road - Talked about the signs. Stan noted the third sign is up, one more to go. Stan stated he cannot use a jackhammer. Lou offered to help with the install on the last sign. He is available on a Monday or Tuesday. He will call the vendor once all the signs are up and they will come down and check the signs fix and paint if needed. Mr. Knick stated the one post needs the ball on top.

John Lizak, 201 Gill Street – Thank Patty she called the state lady to check the pool. He stopped by. Patty stated actually she didn't respond until you called her and good thing you followed up on it. John

called and the conservation district representative said it was active for west Nile.. John noted he began this issue referring to a picture dated 2013.

Matters from Mayor and Council.

Mayor Lello – UGI Get Gas Program, talked about the UGI Reimbursement Rebate form noting that the reimbursement is \$1800 toward a boiler. The date on the form is September 2018, and Mayor Lello will contact UGI for more information.

Mrs. Hansen – Nothing.

Mr. Kowalczyk - Announced the Benefit for September 29, 2018 from 9 am to 7 pm for a Dupont resident battling stage 4 stomach cancer. Mr. Kowalczyk talked about the poker run, kickball, raffles, music, food and more throughout the day asking for those in attendance to stop by and support the cause.

Mr. Kaminski – Nothing.

Mr. Karkut – Nothing.

Mr. Knick – Nothing.

MOTION TO ADJOURN. Motion: Mrs. Hansen, Second: Mr. Karkut. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Adopted and Approved

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