

The Regular Monthly Meeting of Dupont Borough Council was called to order at 7:00pm on Tuesday evening, May 14, 2019 by President of Council Stanley Knick.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

Mr. Knick - Present

Mr. Kowalczyk – Present

Mr. Kaminski – Present

Mrs. Hansen- Present

Mr. Karkut – Present

Mayor Lello – Present

Mr. Knick announced a meeting held with a representative of PNC Bank at 6:30. Following that statement Mr. Knick called for an Executive Session regarding legal matters.

MOTION TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE April 9, 2019 MEETING AND PLACE ON FILE.

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 ACCEPT THE CORRESPONDENCE PRESENTED.

Motion: Mr. Karkut

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.

MOTION TO PAY THE BILLS PRESENTED.

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 APPOINT THE PART TIME POLICE OFFICERS FROM MAY 14, 2019 TO THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL WITH NO GUARANTEE OF WORK: Duane Saunders, Jennifer Polemitis, Todd Houghtlin, Thomas Sheehan, Robert Avvisato, Arnulfo Rivera, Thomas Rushnak, Christopher Fargione, Christopher Smith.

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.

REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report:

General Fund - \$39,146.44

Payroll Fund - \$ 6,277.47

Refuse Fund - \$ 46,194.02

Sewer Maintenance - \$ 444,562.35

Liquid Fuels Fund - \$ 141,258.32
Police Pension Fund - \$950,233.97
Town Clock - \$ 30.22
Centennial Fund - \$3,336.00
Special Fund - \$ 182,028.09
Loan for School Balance - \$ 187,234.67

Tax Collector's Report:

April Report -
Balance Collectable Beginning of Month - \$93,850.02
Less Face Collections for Month - \$ 50,710.17
Less Discounts - \$ 942.10
Balance Collectable End of Month - \$ 43,139.85
Deposited in the General Fund - \$ 49,768.07

Police Report:

Chief Doran read the statistical report for April 2019 as follows:
Criminal arrests-0; traffic citations issued-41; non traffic citations issued-2; appearances in magisterial Court-5; motor vehicle accidents-14; assist to EMS/Fire-8; Assist to other police dept.-2; Alarms-3; Thefts-2; Vandalism-2; Disorderly Conduct-3; Suspicious Activity-6; Assault/Harrasment-2; Drug Offense-2; Miscellaneous Calls-32; Building Checks-24; Code Enforcement-25; Vehicle Mileage: Explorer-26,947; Taurus-64,230; F-150 - 3,898. Magistrate Fines Collected - \$ 2,109.17.

Solicitor Report - Legal Matter in Executive Session.

Engineer's Report - (1) OCD Pave Project bids to be opened this evening. We received three bids. Four Contractors picked up the bid spec package. (2) Flood channel work is underway. They are waiting for the dry weather. (3) Pump station - Bob asked Patty about the pump station grant. Patty stated Brian called today and will schedule the work soon. She believes the balance is \$16,000 in the grant. The cost of the work for Brian is approximately \$4000. Bob did check what the remaining monies can be used for and it includes manhole covers. It cannot be used for replacement parts. Stan asked about redoing the road going into the pump station or fencing. Bob stated you would have to specifically ask them. The grant was written for replacement of pumps and the roof or cover and some how manhole covers were put in there also. Patty stated there are several manholes on Main Street that need to be replaced up to Ziegler. Bob stated we can look into that but remember that is all state roads so it involves working with Penn DOT and the costs would be high. Mr. Kowalczyk asked Bob if the grant cannot be used to purchase backup pumps but we can replace the pumps with it. Why can't we replace the pumps that are there and use those pumps as backup pumps. Bob referred that to the solicitor. Solicitor said keep him out of it. Bob stated the play is good, but not sure that can be done. Patty noted the pump station grant was risky with the first situation and not sure we want to question this. Bob stated we just replaced the one pump. Mr. Kowalczyk stated if the issues are documents, replace them and use those for backup. Bob stated we would have to look into it if legitimate. Rather than give the money back we will look at spending it. (4) Met with Leeward on the water line for Main Street. The issue now is where the gas went and the old sewer lines or dedicated storm lines, they did not know exactly where they were, they are talking about realigning the water lines. They are talking to Penn DOT and other utilities. It is mainly where the gas line was put, is where they water main was to

go. Stan asked about the status of the gas lines and whether they are working with the water company. Bob stated it is in Penn DOT right of way and the gas lines went in first, now the water company is scrambling. Penn DOT is pushing for utilities to be out of the road. They are pushing for everything to be beyond the curb. You can only fit so much behind the curb. The gas company was already put in there so where is the water line going to go. There should be so much isolation between lines.

(6) Grove Street - Bob presented members with cost estimates and schematics for various options for Grove Street repairs. Bob discussed all 5 cost estimates. (1) If we went with concrete up top, we would have to build a bypass road. That estimate is \$344,000. (2) Option 2 is more or less full depth pavement replacing what is there 12 " modified 5 inch base 1.5 top. No bypass road. That is \$120,000. This is just the top section. (3) Leave what is there come in and raise the road profile with 4" binder leveling course, going 5 or 6 inches above that and changing profile of road. There is no issue raising the road 6 inches. The grades can be tied back in. That estimate is \$70,000. (4) Option 4 is similar to option 3, but instead of going over what is there, add in full depth pavement reclamation. They bring in a grinder or milling machine and regrind it in place, add cement or asphalt and turn what is there into a solid base. It has been successful. It cannot be done around town areas because of curb, but Grove Street has no curbs. That estimate is \$82,000. (5) The final option is an add to one of the other options for the continuation of the road. This is for grant purposes. It goes from the entrance way to the state road. That estimate is \$125,000. That is for leveling coat, crown that and overlay. Patty asked for size and Bob stated 150 feet from entrance down Grove. That is the worst section. There are other spots that can be picked up that are bad. There is a 20 x 20 section that is bad. If option 5 is chosen and option 3 or 4 you are looking at over \$200,000. Mr. Kaminski talked about the entrance to their parking lot. Bob stated that would be for council to decide on the work area. The biggest impact is doing it with 8 inches of concrete let that cure and you need to build the bypass road. Bituminous Pavement can be driven on within hours. Mr. Kaminski talked about reclamation being done at the gas areas and chance of closing the road for the day. Bob added reclamation can be oiled and chipped and be left that way which is sturdy and can be driven on it. It would have to sit a week to be paved over. The Mayor talked about the turning area at the top of the hill and how long will that last. Bob stated we would have to talk to a contractor that specializes in that to see if it is really viable in that area. There could be potential for a problem there. Mr. Knick stated with concrete it should hold up and referred it to Mr. Kaminski. Mr. Kaminski stated the concrete reclamation vs the concrete overall. The concrete and cost of \$140,000 to build a bypass road is a question as to whether we can get the cost down to \$50,000. We took the worse case scenerio of digging it out and 4" base but that base is pretty solid there. Mr. Kowalczyk asked where would the bypass road go. Bob stated Option 1 the area where they park. Mr. Kowalczyk stated he thought that was private property. Patty stated there is Big Blue Partnership and TA Operating LLC and it might be. Bob believed it was the same owner. Bob suggested the other option is to shut down one lane and put temporary signals in. They do that for bridge projects. It is about 3 to 7 days for concrete to cure. Patty stated she asked Petro for the slow times and they stated Saturday or Sunday. There goes the cost. Patty will contact corporate to set up meeting to discuss this work and if they will contribute.

Mr. Slivanch, Holden Street asked what area are we talking about. He was told Grove Street and then questioned how much traffic do they get.

Mr. Cigan, Gill Street questioned the funding for this work. Is it a grant. Mr. Knick stated it would have to be a grant. We will need to sit with corporate. At one time, a while ago, they were willing to give us so much money to do it. The road is deplorable and we are getting calls from truckers about damages. We need to deal with it. Mr. Cigan understands since he was involved in the beginning. Mr. Cigan asked if the grant comes from the state. Patty stated there is a multimodal grant and then the gaming

grant. Mr. Cigan asked off hand do you have any idea how much taxes that business generates to the town. Patty stated the private property for the parking lot is \$700 and the business area is \$11,000. Mr. Cigan asked the truck stop itself, Mr. Kowalczyk asked employee taxes. Mr. Knick stated we did not consider that, just looked at property taxes. Mr. Cigan said you are looking at cost of the road being \$125,000 and you get \$11,000. That doesn't sound right. It is a borough road. Mr. Slivanch asked if the borough can increase the property taxes with the improvement to the road. Mr. Knick stated we would have to increase everyone's tax.

Crime Watch Report - April meeting we partnered with Luzerne County Councilman Matt Vough and put on an opioid seminar at the VFW. It was very well attended with agencies and officials. There was a lot of good discussion with it, as well as live stream on the internet. We had people from Texas sending in questions. For successful event, hopefully bringing a lot of attention to the topic and information to the public as far as treatment they can get. The next meeting is May 28th here in the chambers and hopes everyone can attend and help the town.

Council President's Report - Comingle – 7.48 ton; 11.05 tons paper. Trash – 58.02 tons. Mileage: Packer – 55,128; Recycler 21,776; C3500 - 62,104, F-550 - 18,518, Mack - 2,716.

Mr. Knick stated with the weather the dpw department is behind. We are trying to get out and take care of potholes.

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 OPEN, READ, AND AWARD THE BID FOR THE OCD PAVING PROJECT AS ADVERTISED

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.

The Bids were opened and read as follows:

Mihalka - \$132,942 Ameican- \$134,779 Pennsy – \$131,300

That is for First, Front, Second and Wilson. Can we use liquid fuels funds for the difference with the OCD grant money. Bob stated no, the bid format is different. After discussion about ada ramps, taking off one street, and gutter milling, council agreed to rebid project. Mr. Kowalczyk noted the type 1 and type 2 ada ramps at a cost of \$3700 each. Bob mentioned if that block is removed, the ramps would not have to be done. Bob estimated higher on leveling and base repair and may be able to cut back \$12,000. They are estimate but you won't know until you mill to see if the areas are bad. That would bring it closer to \$119,000. Mr. Slivanch suggested council get new bids. Mr. Kowalczyk agreed since the bids are close in dollar amount.

MOTION TO TABLE AND REBID PAVING PROJECT CUTTING BACK ON THE SCOPE OF WORK TO BE WITHIN THE BUDGET AMOUNT OF GRANT FROM OCD (REMOVE WILSON AND CUT BACK FULL WIDTH MILLING)

Motion: Mr. Karkut

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 APPROVING PAYMENT TO MULTISCAPE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$58,670.00 - FINAL GRANT BALANCE WAS \$51,154.00 AND \$6,516.00 FROM GENERAL FUND

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 APPROVE FIORELLI ASSOCIATES TO COMPLETE THE NECESSARY AUDITS FOR ALL GRANTS OVER 100,000 AS REQUIRED TO BE SUBMITTED TO DCED. (police regionalization, sidewalks and culvers)

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 APPROVING BALANCE OF FUNDS TRANSFERRED FROM CHILDRENS FUND TO DUPONT LIONS CLUB AND DUPONT CRIME WATCH AND CLOSE OUT THE CHILDRENS FUND ACCOUNT (These two organizations handle the childrens events in town)

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 APPROVING THE BALANCE OF FUNDS TRANSFERRED FROM CENTENNIAL FUND INTO CLOCK FUND AND CLOSE OUT THE CENTENNIAL FUND ACCOUNT. (This account will be used for maintenance of the clock, printing of history book and rather than have two accounts, will be combined into one)

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.

MOTION TO TABLE THE PROPOSAL FROM PNC BANK FOR DEPOSITORY FOR BOROUGH ACCOUNTS AND LOAN PROPOSAL FOR PAVING PROJECT AND SCHOOL LOAN BALANCE FOR FURTHER REVIEW AND OTHER BANK PROPOSAL COMPARISON. Mr. Kaminski asked Mrs. Hansen agreed that FNCB should be offered to submit a proposal. Mr. Kaminski stated lets face it they had their chance the first time and said no and turned their backs on us.

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 APPROVING SUBMITTAL OF APPLICATION UNDER PEC MINI GRANT PRORAM FOR INFORMATIONAL KIOSK TO BE LOCATED AT BOROUGH BUILDING. Mrs. Hansen asked if this is the same we submitted once before. Mr. Knick stated yes and this helps with MS4 program.

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 ADVERTISE FOR PAVING/CONCRETE PROJECT FOR GROVE STREET REPAIRS (contact TA Operating LLC and Big Blue Partnership regarding diversion of traffic during project to meet with borough engineer/council) - This motion was removed from agenda until corporate is met with to discuss.

MOTION APPROVING GR. PITTSTON REGIONAL COMPOST FACILITY ADVERTISING FOR SALE THE 1680 GRINDER AND APPROVING PURCHASE OF NEW GRINDER THROUGH GRANT FUNDS WITH ADDITIONAL COSTS OUTSIDE THE GRANT BEING PAID THROUGH COMPOST FUNDS (NJPA OR COSTARS PROGRAM WHICH NO FORMAL BID PROCESS NEEDED)

Mr. Kaminski spoke about the grant through Dupont Borough affecting the Borough's grant applications and Mr. Knick and Mr. Kowalczyk responded. Mr. Kaminski asked how much is in the compost fund and how much is it going to cost the borough again. Mr. Knick explained whatever the grinder is sold for is put into the compost fund. All towns agreed except for Dupont to continue paying the yearly fee. Mr. Kaminski stated the gaming grant we got, next year if we apply for a gaming grant we should get it and not a match. They said it last time and we did not get the gaming grant we had to wait three years. Mr. Knick stated we did get a grant last year, the building remodeling grant. Mr. Kowalczyk commented that in the beginning with the original grinder grant that question was an issue and council spoke up and stopped that issue.

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 CONTACT WITH PROPERTY OWNERS AT 143 MAIN AND 201 LINCOLN IN RESPONSE TO THEIR REQUEST FOR FUNDING ASSISTANCE TO DEMOLISH STRUCTURES THROUGH LUZERNE COUNTY SCATTERED SITE CLEARANCE PROGRAM AND UPON COMPLETION OF APPLICATION AND REQUIRED DOCUMENTS, SUBMIT TO LUZ. CO. OCD OFFICE FOR REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION (DEPENDS ON FUNDING AVAILABILITY) MOTION TO TABLE THIS UNTIL RECEIPT OF COMPLETED APPLICATIONS AND DOCUMENTS FROM PROPERTY OWNERS (Mrs. Hansen questioned this program if through Luzerne County. Mr. Knick talked about they cannot sell it. Mrs. Hansen said the owner pays nothing towards this. We have another property on McLean that is a hazard and that property owner did not ask for the same thing. Mr. Kaminski referred to a property demolition project on Wyoming and after the home was torn down a garage was put up. Mr. Knick stated that property owner put the garage on a different part of the property, not the same where the house was demolished. Mrs. Hansen asked when does the property owner become responsible for properties they purchase that they cant keep up. When does that happen. Mr. Knick stated if you don't want to apply that is fine. Mr. Kaminski stated a restriction should be put on it. Mrs. Hansen stated then another house goes up

and they buy another property and they want the borough to help them with that. Mr. Kaminski asked if these are tax sale properties. Patty stated no. Mrs. Hansen asked if the Main Street was tax sale. Patty stated yes. The one on Lincoln was not. It has been there forever, same owners. Patty stated she is letting council know that the property owners requested help with demolition costs and she sent them the packets. Mrs. Hansen stated if the property owner wants to do that because his property is blighted then why does it have to go through the borough, and they can't do it themselves. Patty stated the property owner at 143 Main stated he contacted the county and they stated it has to go through the borough under scattered site clearance program. Mrs. Hansen stated and you and the other person have to do all this work for them. Patty stated all we did was mail them the packet. They have to supply the information and required documents. We did this about two weeks ago and have not heard from them since. Perhaps after seeing the application and list of documents needed they decided not to pursue it. Mrs. Hansen stated we are spending all this time on blighted properties and they are incomplete. Mr. Kaminski suggested waiting until the applications come back complete before the vote is taken. Mr. Knick stated they have to include their income on the application and they may not qualify. Patty stated it is a five year lien on the property and each year part of the lien is forgiven.

Motion: Mr. Karkut

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.

MOTION TO APPROVE FDP CONSTRUCTION TO COMPLETE THE ROOF ON PAVILION PROJECT SHINGLES OVERLAY FOR A COST OF \$3600 (\$3200 THROUGH LUZ. CO ACT 13 GRANT AWARD) AND BALANCE THROUGH LIONS CLUB

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.

Matters from Residents:

- 1, John Lizak, Gill Street – Status of 109 Gill Street citation. Patty stated another letter was sent today.
2. Frank Darbenzio – Gill Street - Condition of roadway deterioration, thanked public works for assistance during the winter. There is a problem on the street. There is a lot of water and the street has holes where the water blew out the blacktop and you see dirt and sand. It is like a creek there. It is not catching and going into the drain. He has photos of the water going down across the road toward Lizak property. He requests the borough look at the area and come up with a remedy. The engineer was asked to check this area and report to Council.
3. Mr. Cigan, Gill Street - Clarify \$125,000 possibly to fix Grove Street. Traffic 24 hours a day will tear up the road over time. The revenue generated is \$11,000 and \$700. That is a very small amount. His concern is there is a business there doing a large number of business. We are talking millions per year. We have a state getting sales tax, state gets gas tax, county gets county taxes. As we look around the area there are some municipalities that are flushed with cash, Pittston Township, Jenkins Township, Jessup, Plains Township, Wilkes-Barre Township. Dupont is stressed for cash. Mr. Cigan thanked officials for coming out once a month and working on this trying to do the best you can to keep the town going. His concern the town is going to be short changed in this deal as far as responsibility the town should take taking care of a road for a business that is not contributing much to the town. How much do they contribute to fire dept. and police dept. The response was nothing. Did anyone ever asked?

Mr. Knick stated the solicitor is trying to get in touch with them. Originally they said they would give so much toward helping fix the road. Mr. Cigan stated council can appoint him to go talk, he will volunteer. Mr. Dingle stated that is not a good idea. He is trying to get in touch with them, we were so far into negotiations and they changed personnel. We are trying to get back to where we were. Mr. Cigan asked who you are speaking with. Erik noted regional directors. Mr. Cigan asked council's opinion on going after the state or the county for help with that road. He added streets in town, for instance, Gill Street. You are having trouble taking care of streets in town. They should take care of that street. All of the people benefiting from that business his concern is he knows it is not a perfect world, but sometimes you will be surprised of the answer if you ask. It changes from day to day. Try to go after from them. It is fair they support the police, fire and town. Do you agree? Mr. Cigan asked who the Senator is? Mr. Knick stated we put in for a grant, they were supposed to give us so much. Mr. Kowalczyk stated we submitted a grant for Grove and the bridge on Walnut. We were awarded the bridge grant. Mr. Cigan brought up the hole on Walnut Street by Gill. Mr. Kaminski stated check Florence and Ash Streets which are worse. Mr. Darbenzio stated he is there 44 years, pays taxes and never complained. Mr. Cigan encouraged council to look into this and that truck stop should cover more expense of that road. The town needs revenue for other things. Mr. Cigan asked what if you don't fix it. Mr. Knick stated we have been trying, Erik has been calling. Now with change of hands maybe we can get something done. He agrees the town has streets to be done and they are making profits and he feels they should put money into it to help us maintain that road. Mr. Cigan stated what is happening is very common. Corporate like that will replace local management, and Erik will negotiate with them. People change, they have to check upstairs and they can stonewall you or run the clock out forever. However, you have an ace in the hole just don't fix the road. Mr. Knick stated we have been patching it here or there. The truckers are going to complain. Erik stated the problem is there is municipal immunity. He received numerous calls from truckers asking for thousands of dollars to fix their axles on their rigs because they couldn't get in there. They were told they are going nowhere because of municipal immunity. That does not hold if the municipality has notice. So if you leave it go, and it caves, and we know it and you leave it for weeks, we will get millions of dollars in lawsuits from every trucker that goes in there. We have to repair, if we know, we have to repair it to keep our immunity. Erik talked to our insurance company just make sure you do what you can because if you had notice, that is the problem.

Mr. Cigan suggested John Lizak has a problem with a house, high grass, abandoned. The property owner does just the minimum to get by. So Mr. Cigan encourages council to do the minimum amount on the road and put the resources into the town. Also maybe someone from fire dept or police dept. should go up and ask for donations. It is fair unless the solicitor says it is illegal. Mrs. Hansen jokingly asked the Chief to ask for \$100,000 for the road.

John Slivach, Holden Street - Addressed council on getting some funds to put a coat of paint on the room and get the bugs out of the lights. Mr. Knick responded that the borough did receive a grant to remodel the borough building. He explained the grant will address the whole building. It was through gaming grant.

Mr. Cigan - Asked on behalf of the residents of Gill Street when Gill Street is getting paved. Patty stated the gas lines are due in on Gill and Walnut Street this year. Mr. Kaminski stated that is why Florence was taken off the paving list and Wilson was put on.

Mr. Darbenzio - What side of the road are the gas lines being put in. The even or odd side? Mr. Knick stated the easiest way of putting it in. They can do what they want.

Mr. Knick stated he fought for the gas, they came down Grant and made a right instead of a left.

Mr. Battista, Gill Street – Asked if it is official about gas lines continuing in town. He referred to a DEP permit and the get gas program. He asked about the separate general gas line and the get gas program. Mr. Knick talked about the gas lines crossing the creeks and state highways. They were supposed to come down from the Petro to Gill and Walnut, and then again crossing the creek. Mr. Battista asked about the general line separate from the get gas line is going to continue in that area. He was told it is all under the get gas program. It is either pay up front or pay so much a month til it is paid. Mr. Battista asked about the number of people on the street that requested the gas lines. The gas mains will be installed on Gill and Walnut and Holden. Mr. Battista said then that would hold up the paving.

Mr. Bob Wywoda, Lackawanna Avenue - Last two meetings he came with concerns about the church bells and the noise in the neighborhood. He wanted to make sure everyone on council got his text he sent to Patty last month saying that he was wrong about them ringing every half hour. He talked to his mom and she said once the Channel 16 article was aired they stopped. He wasn't aware of that. He was wondering if anyone has taken the complaints and talked to Fr. Petro about this. Mayor Lello stated he has not. He did speak to other parishioners and asked them how the bells were. Most of them said they love them. They haven't heard them in 40 years and they love having the bells back. Mr. Wywoda asked where are those parishioners from. Mayor stated near the church. Mr. Wywoda spoke with two people that recently moved onto Lackawanna that are not happy with the bells. Mayor talked about window location. Mr. Kowalczyk heard them on Simpson. Mr. Wywoda talked about helping people that complain. We do have a noise ordinance in town and it fits in that noise ordinance. Mayor Lello questioned the bells at Holy Mother of Sorrows. Mr. Wywoda was referring to the change at Sacred Heart, the other Church was there when he moved in. Mayor Lello said you can't go with one and not the other. Mr. Wywoda is up for compromise. How about they stop at 6 pm. He is all about compromise and is up for stopping at 6 and having quiet time. Mayor Lello asked about the ordinance referring to decimals. Mrs. Hansen doesn't believe decimals are in the ordinance. She asked if there is any way Fr. Petro can be asked to come to council to talk about it. Mr. Karkut followed up on the complain made by Mr. Wywoda at the last meeting and stated he was there at 12:45 parking equal distance from the churches. Holy Mother of Sorrows rings a minute or two earlier and Mr. Wywoda suggested they probably worked out the times so both are not ringing same time. Those bells are 13 dings, Sacred Heart is 1 ding. Later in the evening if Fr. Petro ... Mr. Wywoda stated he emailed Fr. Petro and tried to have a conversation because his office hours don't allow him to stop by because he would have to take a day off work. This is a busy time of year. Mr. Wywoda tried to get a resolution. The windows will be open with weather becoming nice and it will be twice as worse than it is now. He went back and forth three emails. He seems unwilling to discuss this other than inviting him to the office. Mr. Wywoda agrees lets compromise and have both stop at 6pm and have the evening quiet. He would be ok with that. Mr. Karkut stated the last time they ring is 8 pm. Mr. Wywoda stated 9 pm. Ms. Warunek stated 8 pm. They are not loud. Mr. Karkut stated the complaint did not fall on deaf ears from anyone on this council. Mr. Wywoda thought someone would meet with Fr. Petro understanding at the last meeting Stanley made it seem it was not just his complaint but alot of complaints. Mr. Karkut stated he spoke with people that live by the church that say they don't hear anything.

Mr. Wywoda said you like one sort of music, I like another kind of music that you might find annoying. I don't make you listen to my kind of music. He is not saying they cannot carry on operations like they have always done. This is not about religion. This is about them making him listen to bells that he doesn't want interrupting his peace in his house. Mr. Karkut stated since this subject came up he finds himself driving by churches and pull over to listen to the bells if it is close to the hour. The conversation continued between Mr. Karkut and Mr. Wywoda about the bells and music and not being approached by the church about the changes to the bells. They had no say in it. As taxpayers in the Borough, Mr. Wywoda feels he should have a say about something that would impact his home. Mrs. Hansen suggested the churches be contacted to meet with council to discuss the issue. Mr. Knick was in agreement. Patty will make phone calls. Mr. Wywoda finished by saying after 6 pm for quiet time otherwise as it is right now it is either music or earplugs to drown the bells out.

Mr. Lukasik, Smith Street - What is the contractor times for noise ordinance. This can bring up a point that whatever time the bells are to stop, contractors have to stop making noise. Mrs. Hansen stated 7 am for start and 9 pm to stop. Mr. Wywoda stated this isn't everyday 365 days a year, a jackhammer outside his house. Mr. Slivach stated that can be an argument. Mr. Knick stated we will reach out to both churches and look into it.

Mr. Cigan, this is a tough one, good luck. He has lived in Dupont most of his life. Those that live in Dupont hear planes, trains, 81. We have to ask what is the norm across many many towns, across society. Churches all across the towns how is it approached. Bells ring. Ed Vogue lived near railroad tracks and said he didn't hear them after a while. Some get used to it, some don't. If you are going to address one issue about someone objecting to the bells, I am not a member of Sacred Heart, but I bet if you take a poll of the third ward of Dupont I would bet most people would not object. Mr. Wywoda stated without taking that poll you really can't put that out there. Mrs. Hansen asked Patty how many calls come in for noise from trains sitting on the tracks idling by Stanton Street. Mr. Knick talked about where he lives close to the tracks and in the middle of the night or whenever after a while he just got used to it and blocks it out. There are trucks banging in front of his house. Mr. Slivach said it will be hard to stop bells at 6.

Mr. Knick - Hose Company Siren would blow at 9pm. Mrs. Hansen asked what is the real reason the fire siren stopped does anyone know, because she knows. Mr. Knick stated it stopped the siren because it went electronic. Bob Stoshick spoke about missing calls because he does not carry his pager all the time. He is only one person. Mrs. Hansen said Duryea's blew even after everyone else shut theirs off and she talked to the Mayor and he said they will continue because there was someone who passed away during a fire and even through they have pagers they would continue the siren until the siren got a frog in its throat. Now you don't hear it anymore. Probably more to pay for it than anything.

Mr. Stoshick lives near the church and likes the bells but questioned what about these kids with noisy mufflers going through town all the time. The police are told but refuse to pull the kid over. They will sit there and rev it up, wind it down. Patty came over the house and a bus blew right past us.

Mr. Knick talked about many issues including jake brakes. They are not allowed in town but people use them. Cops cannot be all over all the time. Mr. Stoshick talked about an incident with jake brakes used by a cop and they did nothing about it. He called about fireworks.

Mr. Battista, Gill Street - Jake Brakes on the 81 Highway are they allowed close to residential areas like Gill and Lidy. Mr. Knick talked about trying to get noise barriers. He was dealing with Penn DOT. He does not remember seeing on the highway where you can't use jake brakes.

Mr. Lukasik, Smith Street - Front Street pothole, can it be fixed. Mr. Knick stated they are behind like was said and we even advertised for more help and no responses.

Matters from Mayor and Council:

Mayor Lello – (1) Commend Dupont Crime Watch for bringing the Opioid Forum to Dupont. It was the first in Luzerne County. There will be others held through Luzerne County municipalities. Chief Doran was there, Councilman Vough, Atty. Vough. It was very Informative. About 100 people were there. We should be aware of what is going on about opioid. There is a drop box here. They are trying to not incarcerate but help people because it is a disease. If we don't understand that we will continue to fight it the wrong way. (2) Monday at 6:30 at the School if anyone is available to help the Lions Club redo the 400 + easter baskets purchased for next year. The candy has to come out of the baskets. They are stored at the Ben Franklin building and after Monday we will put them in a POD. Easter Saturday this year we did over 500 bags. (4) Memorial Day Parade May 27th at the VFW because of construction at borough building lawn.

Mrs. Hansen- Nothing.

Mr. Kowalczyk – Nothing

Mr. Kaminski – Nothing.

Mr. Karkut – Complaint about traveling Pine Street toward Wyoming Avenue wall. When on Pine to the stone wall everyone that lives in Dupont knows to turn right. A lot of people come to visit relatives from outside the area and may not know the area. Should be a sign one way turning right. Mr. Kowalczyk noted there was a sign there. The DPW Department will replace it if it is missing. Secondly, Mr. Karkut received a phone call that he won \$13.5 million dollars. He gets numerous calls about winning trips to Florida, etc. He reminds residents of phone call scams. Don't wait for it. That is all he has to say.

Mr. Knick - Have a safe Memorial Day and please show up and support our Veterans.

Motion to Adjourn at 8:40 pm. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Adopted and Approved

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Secretary

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Council President