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Northumberland Borough Council Meeting
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James Troup called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Mayor Len Zboray offered an Invocation.

Roll Call

Council members present were Adam Klock, Stephen Reed, Ellie Rees, Paul Ruane, Ty Sees, James Troup, and Harry Wynn. Others present were Mayor Zboray; C. L. Kriner, Police Chief; Jeremy Deitrick, Sewer Department Superintendent; and Janice Bowman, Borough Secretary.

Public Comment

The five visitors present introduced themselves.

Mr. Jon Apple, captain of the Fire Police, reported that a test was run successfully on the new generator at the King and Water Street traffic lights. He thanked Paul Ruane for researching the type of generator and council for approving the purchase.

Mr. Jim Groninger reported that the Halloween Parade was a success. He said that more funding was raised for the parade than before. Mr. Groninger stated that a minor problem was that one group went through the parade looking for monetary donations. Mr. Groninger stated that he would not like to see other groups collecting money during the parade. He presented the following draft motion that would address that situation to the council for consideration: Any and all monetary donation requests or solicitations from any group or individual participating in the Northumberland/ Point Township Halloween Parade be requested in writing and approved prior to the event date by the majority quorum of the Northumberland Borough Council. Any such considerations would then be forwarded to the Halloween Committee Chairman. That would put the Borough Council in charge of who may or may not ask for donations. He noted that there might be an event, like Breast Cancer Awareness, that the council may want to permit to solicit donations. Mr. Klock stated that if the council does this for the Halloween Parade, they would then have to do it for other Borough sponsored events such as Pineknott Days. He questioned if it is worth it. Mr. Sees stated that he feels this is a fair request and it is worth it. Mr. Troup agreed. He said that he doesn't think anyone should be going through the parade asking for donations, other than the parade committee. He said that when his dad and Ray Young ran the parade, only the committee collected donations. Mr. Sees said that there may be times when council says there is a good cause and it could be done in conjunction with the parade. But the parade is funded through donations and he thinks that should continue. Mr. Groninger concurred, adding that there should be some type of control.

Mr. Troup made a motion that any and all monetary donations, requests or solicitations from any group or individual participating in the Northumberland Point Township Halloween Parade be

requested in writing and approved prior to the event date, by the majority quorum of the Northumberland Borough Council. Any such considerations would then be forwarded to the Halloween Committee Chairman. Mr. Wynn seconded the motion. Mr. Sees recommended that the motion be amended to include a specific time limit prior to the event when the request is made for council to have time to approve. Mayor Zboray suggested that the request should be given to council by the first August Borough Council meeting. The motion and second were amended. Council voted unanimously to approve the amended motion.

Mr. Groninger said that there was a second issue with one of the Borough Council members who got into a discussion with one of the Fire Police. Mr. Groninger said that the Borough Council members are set at a higher standard than the general public, especially during a Borough-sponsored event. He said that to get and keep volunteers, he needs the council to act in a responsible manner.

Mr. Groninger stated that there were issues with the street crew not posting all the "no parking" signs. They had been provided with a list of streets to be posted and several blocks were omitted. Several people had difficulty moving their vehicles because fire trucks were in the middle of the street. He said that next year he and Jon (Groninger) would ride the parade route to ensure that all signs are posted.

Mayor Zboray stated that several people commented to him that they would like to see the fire trucks at the end of the parade because of the diesel fuel and the smoke. Mr. Groninger stated that it was discussed, but had felt that if fire trucks are last, people leave before the end of the parade. With having the fire trucks worked in throughout the parade, there were lulls between the floats and fire trucks. He said that for next year, they are considering having the fire trucks and ambulances go first with a bit of a head start before sending the floats with the hope that the parade would flow better. Mayor Zboray stated that some of the other towns had the fire trucks at the end of the parade.

Mr. Sees stated that there were a lot of people out and he thinks it was the most packed he's seen in years.

Mr. Wynn asked who the council member was that Mr. Groninger had referred to. He said it was Mr. Klock. Mr. Klock asked him what was said and Mr. Groninger responded that he didn't know the specifics. Mr. Klock said that the only conversation he had with anyone was not confrontational. It was the fact that the signs were not put up. Mr. Klock was parked in front of his house to put together the dog park float. He said that the only conversation he had was with one of the fire police who said there was no parking there and Mr. Klock said that there were no signs posted. He said that the fire policeman said something about having to bring in a crane; but Mr. Klock had no idea what he was talking about. He added that this was the extent of it.

Council Meeting Minutes

Mr. Wynn moved to accept the council meeting minutes of September 16, 2014. Mr. Reed seconded the motion. Mr. Sees stated that he wanted to go on record to confirm that these minutes reflect the amendments that were requested. Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes with the requested amendments.

Mr. Klock asked if the two changes that he had emailed were implemented. The Borough Secretary stated that the first change was; the second was not. Mr. Klock said that the only addition he wanted to see was that we would wait to accept any electrical contract until we heard back from the engineer. He said that he would make a motion to approve the council meeting minutes of October 7, 2014, with the fore-mentioned provision. The Borough Secretary stated that it would be added to the minutes and that pricing had been received from the engineer before accepting a contract. Mr. Reed seconded the motion. Council voted 5-0-2 to approve the minutes as amended. Mr. Sees and Mr. Wynn abstained from the vote.

Mayor's Report

- Mayor Zboray urged everyone to get out to vote tomorrow. All residents of the Borough will vote at the Borough Building.
- Mayor Zboray attended a meeting with PennDOT and requested that when they pave in the Borough, they redirect truck traffic to Route 15. They said that they will do that. The Mayor was told that the problem they had was getting the asphalt plant to open up and run at night and the second was lighting. Mayor Zboray said that PennDOT realized the problem and had a lot of phone calls. He added that they know the issues in the Borough. Bernie Klusman, the county maintenance manager, provided maps for winter plowing. He gave the map to Ann. The Borough Secretary stated that Ann gave the map to Ted. The map includes phone numbers for all the people who are responsible for plowing in the area.
- Meter money was collected on October 23rd.
- King Street Park will be decorated for Christmas. There will be thirty trees to decorate again this year. Santa will arrive on December 1st.
- Mayor Zboray attended a meeting of the Roy H. and Carol J. Moyer Jr. Trust. Funding was provided to purchase a bench for King Street Park. They were also going to provide funding for the dog park for defecation stations. Mayor Zboray said that Steve Reed told him that the dog park already has them, so the funding will be reallocated for something else.
- Mayor Zboray talked to the Northumberland National Bank about the clock in front of the bank. He is working with Ted to get it fixed.
- The Veteran's Day program will be held the Riverview Cemetery at 1:00 on Sunday, November 9th.
- Mayor Zboray thanked all those involved for the great Halloween parade.

Mayor Zboray asked if anyone had any questions for Chief Kriner. Mr. Sees asked where the overtime stands for the police. Chief Kriner responded that overtime is over budget. Mr. Sees asked how far over and if it has calmed down since there are the additional part-time employees. Chief Kriner stated that it has calmed down considerably. The things that had affected it were hours that were carried over from last year for time-off, court time which is per the police contract, and training the part-time officers.

Mr. Wynn asked where the traffic study for Prince and Strawbridge stands. Chief Kriner said that it's a matter of getting the engineer from PennDOT to come and conduct the study. Chief Kriner has been in correspondence with her.

Mayor Zboray noted that there are a lot of on-going investigations that they cannot publically announce that are contributing to the over-time. When our officers have to go to the court house and there are investigations, they have to bring other officers in to work overtime. Mayor Zboray said that these are things that are out of their control.

Mr. Wynn asked about the 2006 Crown Vic. Chief Kriner said that it is out of service. The air bag module needs to be replaces; the light is flashing. The ABS module is out and will cost over \$1,000 to repair. Mayor Zboray noted that there are over 113,000 miles on the vehicle. Mr. Wynn asked if the police are using the code car. Mayor Zboray stated that they are and that the heater in this vehicle won't turn off. The police cars are all paid off. There is currently over \$7,000 in the meter fund. Chief Kriner is obtaining prices for a new car. He is also working on applying for a grant which would cover 35% of the cost for two vehicles.

Chief Kriner stated that all officers will use their paid time off by the end of the year.

Northumberland Sewer Department Report

Mr. Klock stated that the bids were opened for the I&I project. AM-Liner, Inc. was the sole bidder at the price of \$96,733. Mr. Klock moved to issue a notice of intent to award the I&I project, to execute the agreement and issue notice of intent to proceed based on the AM-Liner, Inc. proposal that was received. Mr. Ruane seconded the motion. Mr. Klock noted that they had expected the bid to come in at around \$100,000. Mr. Sees asked if more than one bid was needed. He was told no, that the project was advertised on PennBid. Council approved unanimously.

Mr. Klock said that Hazen & Sawyer has completed the rate study and will be issuing a draft in the next week. The EDU price for the first quarter of 2015 and for those customers who do not purchase their water from the PA American Water Company is \$117.72. Other rates to be approved are the Northumberland Borough treatment rate of \$4.00 per one thousand gallons of usage; \$4.50 for the treatment rate for Point Township and Upper Augusta Township Sewer Authorities for one thousand gallons of waste water. Mr. Klock explained that the fifty cent difference is because Northumberland Borough customers are also paying a flat fee for treatment of \$45 per quarter. Northumberland Borough customers will also pay a collection rate of \$30 per quarter. This money will be used to maintain the Borough's collection system.

Mr. Klock moved to establish the 2015 rates for EDU at \$117.72; the Northumberland Borough treatment rate of \$4.00 per 1,000 gallons; the Point Township and Upper Augusta rates of \$4.50 per 1,000 gallons; the Northumberland Borough collection base rate of \$30 per quarter; and the Northumberland Borough treatment flat rate of \$45 per quarter. Mr. Troup seconded the motion.

Mr. Book, of Hazen & Sawyer, explained that 248 customers in the Borough who use 500 gallons of water or less per month. They would pay \$81 per quarter. There are 343 customers who use less than 1,000 gallons of water per month. They would pay \$29 per month or \$87 per quarter. There are 628 customers who use less than 2,000 gallons per month. They would pay \$99 per quarter. All of these people will see their rates go down. Approximately one third of the customers' bills will remain about the same and approximately one third will go up. There are 1,801 water meters in the Borough. The median customer will pay \$35.92 per month. The average customer will pay \$39.24 per month. This is a 7% increase from last year. Mr. Book

informed the council that the average customer in the Borough of Milton pays \$37.90 per month. Everyone outside Milton Borough pays more than \$40 per month. If the average Borough customer were in Sunbury, he would pay \$46.15 per month.

Mr. Wynn said that with watering his lawn, he will pay about \$70 per quarter more. Roll call vote was 6-1 with Mr. Wynn voting no.

Mr. Klock made a motion to require all sewer department operators to obtain or make progress toward obtaining a class B CDL license with air brakes and tanker endorsements; an Operator's License for a class B facility with Subclass 1; and a Collections System License. Mr. Ruane seconded the motion. Council voted 6-0-1 with Mr. Sees abstaining.

Mr. Klock moved to accept a two-year contract with Lycoming County Resource Management for sludge disposal at a cost of \$34.65 per ton. Mrs. Rees seconded the motion. Council approved unanimously.

Mr. Klock moved to accept the Red Zone contract of \$130,000 for mapping twelve miles. The price is based on the state Co-Star price per foot. Mr. Klock added that capital funds are available and will be reimbursed by the PennVest loan. Mr. Ruane seconded the motion. Council approved unanimously.

Mr. Klock moved to purchase hardware equipment and software as proposed by ProNet at a cost not to exceed \$9,800. The server will be housed at the Borough Building. With this server and the software, Sewer Department has the capability of maintaining electronic files. Mr. Book explained that with the network, the engineers will have the capability of providing electronic copies of the plans. The contract is currently set up for the contractor to provide five copies to the engineers and one would be provided to the Sewer Department. Mr. Wynn asked what the total cost would be. Mr. Klock said that his motion would be for the cost for the hardware and software not to exceed \$9,800 and \$3,000 for the installation and configuration. Mayor Zboray asked what the cost is for the annual software maintenance. Mr. Klock said that if any configuration work is needed through the network, the cost would be \$75 per hour. The company is providing two weeks of free service after the equipment is set up. Mr. Wynn asked if the equipment is strictly for the Sewer Department. Mr. Klock stated that for now, it would just be for the Sewer Department. He said that the Borough could be added in the future. Mr. Wynn stated that he does not think the Borough's records should be connected. Mr. Sees asked if any other quotes were obtained. Mr. Klock stated that the hardware and software were priced online through Dell Computers. Mr. Wynn asked who was here (the Borough Office) for a meeting. Mr. Klock said that the communications services would be through Service Electric. He added that they do the telephones and the internet service. He was asked who the other company was that was also here. He said that it was ProNet. ProNet would set up the network. Mr. Klock said that the price does not include the ISP at the plant because there are questions about whether or not they can physically get a cable to the sewer plant. They might need high speed DSL instead which would be from Verizon. Mayor Zboray asked if this would help the engineers as well as the sewer plant. Mr. Book stated that they would utilize it and they would transfer the data so the sewer department has it electronically as well as on paper. Mayor Zboray stated that he is wondering why we are spending the money because he needs vehicles for the police department. He said he understands that it is sewer department money, but it is all paid for by Borough

taxpayers. Mr. Wynn agreed; asking where the money was coming from to pay for it. Mr. Klock stated that there is funding in the sewer department budget to cover the costs. Mr. Klock said that the reason is it is easier to maintain the data. Mr. Deitrick said that by reducing the volume of paper that must be retained, it is much more manageable. Mrs. Rees stated that she agrees with Mr. Wynn. She does want to see the sewer and the Borough Office combined. She stated that her desire would be that Mr. Klock's motion would be for the sewer alone and would not include equipment for the Borough Office. Mr. Klock stated that if the Borough Office would want to go digital, the cost would be very nominal. He said that separating the information on the network would depend on how the users are configured; adding that Jan would be a user of the files that are set up for the Borough Office and Jeremy is a user for the files that are set up for the sewer plant. Mr. Troup added that it is one server with separate entities and that the two would not be integrated. The Borough Secretary noted that there is a network in the Borough Office. There is a NAZ drive that has files that are shared by the employees in the Borough Office and the Code Office. The office also backs up the files on hard drives.

Mr. Klock made a motion to purchase the equipment and software proposed by ProNet at a cost not to exceed \$9,800. Mr. Troup seconded the motion. Council voted unanimously to approve the purchase.

Mr. Klock made a motion to authorize acceptance of the proposal from ProNet Systems for \$3,000 to do all the network configuration, installation of equipment and software configuration and training, and accept their offer for two weeks of free support. Mr. Wynn questioned what the two weeks of support would include. Mr. Klock stated that it would be once the system is up and running, if there would be any questions or problems in the next two weeks, the service would be free. Mr. Troup suggested that the support should be for a longer period of time. Mr. Klock amended his motion to include one month of free support. Mr. Wynn asked what the cost of the support would be after the month. Mr. Klock stated that the cost would be \$75 per hour, but this may also be negotiable. Mr. Troup asked if this is for on-site support. Mr. Klock said that they may be able to provide the support needed remotely. Mr. Troup asked who it is. Mr. Klock responded that it is Jeff Margel and that he lives in the Borough. Mr. Wynn asked if he is the only person available. Mr. Klock stated that there are other companies out there. The Sewer Department has used Better Business Systems and wasn't impressed with their service. Mayor Zboray asked if ProNet is just one guy. Mr. Klock stated that there are two; Jeff and his father, Ed, who is the clerk at the Sewer Department. Mr. Klock stated that Ed doesn't do the network configuration and setup. Mr. Wynn stated that for this part of it, he feels council should look further. Mr. Klock stated that \$3,000 is a very good price. Mr. Wynn said that he thinks council should look further since Ed is an employee. He added that he is not comfortable having an employee who is involved with the business. Mr. Klock stated that he made the motion. Mr. Troup seconded the motion. Council voted three to four with Mr. Troup, Mr. Klock and Mr. Reed voted yes and Mr. Ruane, Mr. Sees, Mr. Wynn and Mrs. Rees voting no.

Mr. Klock informed council that Point Township has submitted a revision to their Act 537 plan for an additional ten EDU's for Eyer's Manor. Mr. Klock made a motion to approve the revision. Mr. Sees seconded the motion. Council approved unanimously.

Mr. Klock commented about looking for future bids for the installation of the network. He stated that since ProNet's bid is already "out there", he be given the opportunity to rebid along with everyone else.

Mr. Klock said that the sewer committee discussed taking over the management of the Borough's storm water system. Mr. Book explained that legislation was passed this year that provides for ways to raise revenue to support a storm water utility. Mr. Klock said that the first step in the process would be to map the storm water collection lines. Currently tax dollars are used to fund storm water projects. The new direction is to charge property owners a rate based upon the square footage of impervious on the lot and there are ways to "buy back". One example was if you install a rain barrel, you can get some of the square footage back. Homeowners can basically have their bill reduced to zero, while businesses and industries are still paying something. Mr. Book explained that the next step would be to decide whether to use the infrastructure of the sewer department to be the infrastructure for the storm water. If so, the next step would be to investigate if a study is needed and what the cost would be. He added that numerous engineers would provide free advice, knowing that at some point, they may have the opportunity to bill the Borough. He recommended that the council take advantage of this initial fact finding. The Borough Secretary noted that the Borough had completed a storm water project in 2001 that encompassed Fifth Street and Brickyard Avenue. The Borough is still making payments to PennVest for the loan for this project. The Borough has the as-built plans for this project. Mr. Book added that Hazen and Sawyer did the study on Liberty Hollow and they are currently doing an H&H study on repairing the pipe. He added that the Borough could put all these items together and said this is now our storm water department, it could be taken out of the tax base. Mr. Ruane suggested that by charging \$4.00 per year per residence, the Borough could start to raise funds for storm water projects. In one year, approximately \$80,000 would be raised. Mr. Sees questioned what the legislation permits. Mr. Book explained that the legislation allows for a storm water authority to be formed. Charges can be for anything that the Borough can document for expenses can be captured into the rate base for the authority. He gave an example that if the Borough has a million dollars in improvements, the Borough could raise a million dollars from the customer base which would be the citizens. How the citizens share in this is the art of figuring out how to form an authority. Mr. Book noted the problem with the pipe behind SUNCOM and the broken pipe at Liberty Hollow. Mr. Sees asked if the Borough would have to form an authority to collect this money. Mr. Book explained that it is not necessary to have an authority to implement this fee. It could be done by other means. He suggested that a committee or staff member be charged with the task of reviewing the various options. The topic was tabled.

Mr. Book informed the council that the H&H study and modeling for the pipe at Liberty Hollow concluded that the pipe can carry a ten-year storm. It cannot carry a twenty-five, fifty, or hundred year storm. The results are to be sent to Chip Grose at DEP and Mr. Book feels that this size pipe should be okay because the pipe only has to carry a two-year storm. It also means that every two years the capacity of the pipe will be exceeded. He said that Jan has asked FEMA for a time extension and Hazen & Sawyer will provide a cost to replace the pipe, fix the end wall which might improve the capacity. If the box at Prince Street is reconfigured, more flow may be realized. The study will provide several options and the costs. Once the study is completed, and the recommendation approved by DEP, additional funding will be requested from FEMA.

Emergency Services Board - No report.

Executive Session

Mr. Troup adjourned the meeting at 8:56 p.m. to discuss a personnel issue. The meeting was reconvened at 9:00 p.m.

Fire Police Appointment

Mr. Troup stated that a request was received to appoint Paul Treaster Jr. to the Fire Police. Mr. Wynn so moved. Mr. Klock seconded the motion. Council voted unanimously to approve.

Restitution

Mr. Klock noted that Cindy Lark has made a payment of \$50 over the last few months. He stated that apparently she is not working. Mr. Klock said that he spoke to the Prothonotary's Office and there is nothing that they can do.

Committee Reports

Community Development

- Mr. Reed stated that Steve Johnson has provided an estimate of \$2,154 to install and finish drywall at the Girl Scout Little House. Mr. Reed moved to accept the estimate; Mrs. Rees seconded the motion. Council approved unanimously.
- The pool is continuing to fill up with water. Mr. Reed said that there was discussion about drilling a well. He stated that the water is currently being pumped out of a spring and he doesn't see the need to install a well at this time. The quote to install a well is over \$5,000.
- Mr. Reed learned that the renderings for the gymnasium should be ready for the next council meeting. Troy Smith is providing plans for the restrooms, and the heating and electrical systems.
- Mr. Klock made a motion to repair the playground apparatus. Mr. Troup seconded the motion. The repairs will include a new tube and a swing. Council approved unanimously.
- Mr. Reed announced that the second annual Howling Hollow Halloween Party was held on Saturday. Mr. Klock stated that donations were collected for the park. Approximately \$28 was turned in to the office. It was noted that \$98 was collected during the Halloween Parade.

Finance

Mr. Sees stated that the committee would meet on November 20th to finalize the 2015 budget. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Sees stated that one meeting was held with the police union.

Personnel

The committee will meet on November 12th at 6:30 p.m. to discuss personnel for budgetary purposes.

Public Safety

Mrs. Rees stated that she had attended the Emergency Services Board meeting this evening. She said that the Board discussed the practice of the council to provide

\$30,000 a year toward the fire apparatus. They mentioned that the cost of the apparatus is increasing. Mr. Klock stated that if there is a plan in place, he would not have a problem with increasing the amount the council provides. Mr. Troup stated that the Borough started providing the \$30,000 for apparatus when he was the Fire Chief. The group does submit a budget request each year. For 2015, they are requesting \$30,000 for the truck loan; \$5,000 for an apparatus down payment fund; and \$4,000 for apparatus upkeep. The capital purchase budget for 2014 was \$11,220 and the 2015 capital purchase budget request is \$4,000.

Mr. Sees questioned if the ESB was looking for additional funding for the fire apparatus itself over the \$30,000 or for additional funding for the new items listed in the budget requests. Mrs. Rees stated that they did not ask for her to approach the council for additional funding; they had just noted that the \$30,000 doesn't cover as much as it did. Mr. Troup stated that the ladder truck payment was \$85,000 a year so with the \$30,000 donation from the Borough, the fire company still had a payment of \$55,000. The current truck payment is only around \$38,000 and the Borough is contributing \$30,000. Mr. Klock asked who could be tasked with coming up with a plan for a truck fund. He was informed that Jonny Rees had developed a plan several years ago. Mr. Troup stated that it was a very good plan and that he may still have it.

Rules

Mr. Ruane stated that the committee will meet this month to discuss fines and fees. Mr. Troup stated that he feels speeding fines and fines for not stopping at stop signs should be increased. He added that at 7:00 a.m. he has noticed people running the stop signs at Hanover and Fifth and King and Fifth Streets. Mr. Klock added that a truck drove around him at the stop sign on King Street and did not stop. Mr. Klock questioned why Officer Cope is sitting in a squad car at the Front Street Station back by the Forge, facing the railroad tracks. He said that he has noticed this several times. Mr. Troup stated that he has also seen the squad car at his house at various times. Mr. Sees stated that the officers get one hour paid lunch time.

Streets

Mr. Wynn invited everyone to attend the ground-breaking ceremony at C.W. Rice on November 10th at 3:30 p.m.

Mr. Wynn stated that the utilities are to bring their covers up to grade on Third Street. Mr. Reed suggested that they be contacted.

Mr. Wynn stated that he has asked Ted to do several things and they have not been done. One thing was to take the crack sealer to Allentown and it still sits in the shop.

Mr. Klock stated that the gas company has done a street cut on Second Street and it is not up to grade. Mr. Ruane stated that if they are called, they will come and add cold patch.

Mr. Wynn stated that several people have asked him when they are going to get their curbs fixed. Mr. Klock asked if they have water issues. Mr. Wynn said that they do.

Mr. Klock stated that the Borough should address it and questioned why we aren't. He added that Mr. Wynn should go to these properties when it's raining. Mr. Wynn asked if the water came in the driveway cut or over the curb at Mr. Klock's house. Mr. Klock stated that he had flooding in his basement, damage to his windows, and water washing out his yard. He asked if Mr. Wynn had seen the video he emailed. Mr. Wynn stated that he did not. Mr. Klock stated that he had not realized how bad it was until Ted came to look at it and said the problem is bigger than just the six feet. Mr. Klock said that just to replace six feet of curb would not have fixed anything. Mr. Wynn stated that he feels it should have been brought to council to discuss it. Mr. Klock stated that he has given a lot to the Borough and he does not ask for favors. He said that he gives his time; he filed injunctions on behalf of the Borough, and has incurred around \$600 in legal fees that he has not asked for reimbursement. He said that the Borough intervened in every one of the injunctions and the Borough won every one of them. Mr. Reed stated that he feels that anyone who has a problem with their curb, they should come to council and present it. Mr. Wynn stated that he has told people this. Mr. Sees stated that he has a problem with his curb and nothing has been done. He is requesting that the drain pipe be installed through the curb as it was previously done. He said that Ted told him two weeks ago that he would contact the contractor to look at the areas of curbing to be repaired. The Borough Secretary stated that Ted is attending class this week. Mr. Wynn noted that Ted has set dates for brush drop-off at the Recycling Center, but he didn't inform any of the employees in order to have someone there from 3:00 to 6:00.

Mr. Wynn questioned if the Borough should pay for Mr. Klock's curb. Mr. Troup stated that the council had voted to pay for the curbing at the previous council meeting. Mr. Wynn said that he didn't recall voting to pay for it.

Old Business

1. Health Insurance - Mr. Sees stated that the police are looking at the health care plans that were presented to them during the negotiation session. Mr. Sees added that he is also checking to make sure that retirees may be covered under the plan. Mr. Klock asked if the retired officers must have the same plan as the police plan. Mr. Sees stated that it would. Mr. Sees stated that if the Borough can cut the cost down from the current plan which has an 18% increase for next year, money would be freed up for other items in the contract.

New Business

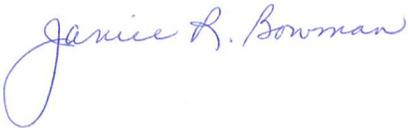
1. Upon motion by Mr. Reed, seconded by Mrs. Rees, council voted unanimously to approve payment of the bills. Bills to be paid from the General Fund total \$35,668.88; Liberty Splashland bills total \$451.26; Parks and Recreation Account bills total \$116.01; Donations Account bills total \$52.68; General Contingency Account bills total \$562.96; and Sewer Department bills total \$16,773.28.
2. Upon motion by Mr. Sees, seconded by Mr. Wynn, council unanimously approved the transfer of \$1,817.27 from the General Fund to the Liberty Splashland account. This is the pool's portion of the Degenstein Grant for payroll.
3. Mr. Klock said that the Borough has requested that the Sewer Department pay for the permit to extend the pipe at a cost of \$1,151.09. Mr. Reed suggested that the Borough

and Sewer Department share in the cost of the permit. Upon motion by Mr. Troup, seconded by Mr. Klock, council approved that the Borough and Sewer Department share the cost for the permit to extend the pipe.

Executive Session

Mr. Troup adjourned the council meeting at 9:52 for an Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue. No action was taken following the Executive Session. The meeting was adjourned at 10:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Janice R. Bowman
Borough Secretary