

COUNCIL MEETING

December 3, 2018

Council President, Beverly Wolfe, called the meeting of the Pennel Borough Council to order at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. There was a moment of silence for former President George H. W. Bush, 41<sup>st</sup> President of the United States.

Present at the meeting

Mayor Robert Winkler  
Council President Beverly Wolfe  
Council Vice President Barbara Heffelfinger  
Councilman Rich Flanagan – via telephone  
Councilman Joe Dudash  
Councilman Mark Moffa  
Councilwoman Laura Germain – absent  
Councilman John Stratz  
Marie Serota, Borough Secretary/Treasurer

Also present

Ben Hauser, Hill Wallack, Solicitor  
Chief of Police, Sean Perry  
Carol Schuehler, Engineer, Value Engineering  
Mike Italia, Zoning Officer, Barry Isett & Associates  
Nicholas Foufas, Fire Marshal – absent

Announcements

Barbara Heffelfinger thanked the Activities Committee for the tree lighting this past Saturday. It was a great event and they have been doing it for 27 years. Santa Claus was great and she hoped all of the kids enjoyed him.

MOTION BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER TO APPROVE CONSENT ITEMS.

- a. Approval of Minutes: November 19, 2018 Work Session
- b. Approval of Minutes: November 12, 2018 Budget Work Session
- c. Approval of Minutes: November 14, 2018 Budget Work Session
- d. Approval of Minutes: November 20, 2018 Budget Work Session
- e. Approval of Minutes: November 26, 2018 Budget Work Session

MOTION BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER TO APPROVE BILLS:

<b>General Fund</b>	<b>\$22,366.53</b>
<b>Fire Tax Fund</b>	<b>\$ 76.67</b>
<b>Refuse Fund</b>	<b>\$15,783.76</b>
<b>Sewer Fund</b>	<b>\$47,093.29</b>
<b>Capital Reserve Fund</b>	<b>\$ 3,455.75</b>
<b>Sewer Capital</b>	<b>\$ 222.75</b>
<b>Liquid Fuel Fund</b>	<b>\$ 3,685.65</b>
<b>Escrow Fund</b>	<b>\$ 22,493.21</b>

**Payroll**

General Fund	\$33,207.15
Sewer Fund	\$ 2,907.32
Refuse Fund	<u>\$ 625.72</u>

**Total**                    **\$36,740.19**

**Escrow Bills:**

## Mill Creek 2:

Hill Wallack LLP	\$ 330.00
Value Engineering	\$ 540.00

## Auto Zone:

Hill Wallack LLP	\$ 901.80
Value Engineering	\$ 99.00

## McHugh:

Value Engineering	\$ 74.25
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## Schoolhouse Court:

Hill Wallack LLP	\$ 3,371.60
Value Engineering	\$ 717.75

## Verrichia:

Hill Wallack LLP	\$16,458.81
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**Pre-Paid Checks**

Check #12240 dated 11/1/18 made out to PECO Energy in the amount of \$589.57 for Station #2 and 790 Neshaminy Street electric

Check #849 dated 11/2/18 made out to PECO in the amount of \$1,650.99 for traffic lighting and street lighting

Check #12293 dated 11/15/18 made out to Digital Forensics Consultants in the amount of \$132.99 for ½ of chime alarm installation at borough hall

Check #12294 dated 11/15/18 made out to Lehigh Valley Restaurant Group in the amount of \$496.00 for Red Robin Gift Cards

Check #12295 dated 11/16/18 made out to Lehigh Valley Restaurant Group in the amount of \$104.00 for remainder of Red Robin Gift Cards

Check #12296 dated 11/20/18 made out to Comcast in the amount of \$131.66 for internet and voice services at 37 W. Woodland Avenue

Check #12297 dated 11/20/18 made out to Keystone Health Plan East in the amount of \$3,787.07 for health insurance

Check #12298 dated 11/20/18 made out to State Workers' Insurance Fund in the amount of \$2,737.00 for fire department's workers compensation insurance

Check #12299 dated 11/20/18 made out to PECO in the amount of \$334.83 for electric service at 790 Neshaminy Street, 37 Woodland Avenue, recreation field and gas service at 300 Bellevue Avenue

Check #12300 dated 11/20/18 made out to Digital Forensics Consultants in the amount of \$1,854.90 for ½ of the security camera system at borough hall and sewer plant

Check #852 dated 11/20/18 made out to PECO in the amount of \$1,743.33 for traffic lighting and street lighting

SECONDED BY JOHN STRATZ. All ayes, motion carried.

Kathleen McDonnell, 28 W. Lincoln Hwy., asked if the checks were made out to Tom Verrichia. Marie Serota said they were escrow checks for attorney bills. Beverly Wolfe said Verrichia gave the borough escrow money and the borough's attorney bills are paid out of their escrow.

SECONDED BY MARK MOFFA. All ayes, motion carried.

#### President's Report

Beverly Wolfe received a letter over the weekend from the Verrichia Company. All of council received a copy. She also has copies if anyone in the audience wanted to read it. Tom Verrichia thanked Council for doing all they could to help the Wawa project which was no longer coming to Penndel. Letter attached.

Tom Sodano, 126 W. Woodland Ave., said if in fact that project is dead, what happens with the curbing that was never done. The businesses were told they did not have to put curbs in. Beverly Wolfe said that in Tom's letter, development of this property would be in early 2019. Route 1 is going to be repaved and she would have to talk to all of council about this but she can't ask those property owners to put in curbs and sidewalks if they are going to be ripped to shreds when development happens. Tom Sodano respectfully disagreed. He said anybody else would be told since it isn't going to happen they would have to do it. If a homeowner was in the same situation, would they be told you don't have to do it because you might get a schoolhouse property done? Beverly said that this was an unusual situation and will have to take it into consideration. Tom Sodano said it is unusual but it is unfair to all of the businesses that did have to do the curbing. The possibility exists that it may happen but it doesn't mean it is going to happen. Beverly said they would pull the resolution that they did to look at the exact language. She will have that answer for him at the next meeting.

Mike Smith, 127 Dehaven Ave., asked about the property that was taken from the property owners for the replacement of the lights, eminent domain because a resolution was done for it. Beverly Wolfe said it has not been executed. Mike asked if the resolution is off the table. Ben Hauser said in the interest of protecting council, as eminent domain is a form of litigation, he is directing council not to comment at this time. He cannot rule out or confirm that it will be acted upon.

Kathleen McDonnell, 28 W. Lincoln Hwy., owner of the original Irish Rover, in reference to Mr. Sodano's comment, she has had an agreement of sale with Mr. Verrichia for 5 years. In order to do all the right things, she's kept her building vacant for 5 years and she has lost a lot of rent. She was given so many settlement dates. They were kept in the dark. She would hope that Mr. Sodano and the other people in Penndel would be considerate enough since he is talking about April. She has been a taxpayer in Penndel for about 40 years. They should be given enough consideration, herself and the other business owners which are all small businesses on that

block. They should be given another few months to see what transpires. Beverly Wolfe said they would be addressing it and will have some answers by the next council meeting.

Beverly wanted to take a moment to thank her fellow council members, the mayor, the professionals, the wonderful office staff for their hard work and dedication to the residents and the business owners of Pennel Borough. She said you will not find a more committed group than you see up here. These people work endless hours and very hard. On behalf of herself, her family and everyone with Pennel Borough, thank you for giving us the honor of serving you. They try their best. A very Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, to each and every one of you and Happy New Year.

Mayor's Report - Mayor Winkler read his report which is attached.

Chief's Report - Chief Perry read his report which is on file in the secretary's office.

Fire Marshal/Emergency Management Report - Nick Foufas was absent.

Solicitor's Report – Ben Hauser said they reviewed and drafted ordinances which will be coming before council in early January. They have attended meetings, reviewed agreements that the borough is entering into, reviewed zoning and land development applications. They have reviewed and advised the borough on Right-to-Know requests. He wished everyone a Happy Christmas, Happy Holidays, Happy Hanukah and Happy New Year.

Engineer's Report - Carol Schuehler read her report which is attached.

Zoning Officer Report – Mike Italia from Barry Isett & Associates, Inc. reported that they are wrapping up the year with closing out most of the legacy permits left from Keystone Municipal Services. They are working with the solicitor and council on updating the ordinances, bringing everything into the 2015 Building Code year, as well as the Fire Code and the Property Maintenance Code. Inspection wise, people are pretty good at calling for inspections. There is an inspection threshold on page 2 of the packet. They need to contact the inspector so that they can go out to inspect. With the recent amount of rain they have been getting a flood of phone calls of yards flooding out. Before anyone calls him, take some pictures when it's happening in case it dissipates before he gets there and he will work with the engineer and professional staff to see if they can correct it. Working with the fire marshal to make sure fire inspections are going as planned. Grease trap inspections wrapped up last week. In reference to an outstanding issue at 43 Holly Ave., they are going to reopen that evaluation from a complaint they received. They will be re-examining the entire case as it was handled prior to their company taking over. He will update council on that.

#### Committee Reports

##### ***Finance Committee (Barbara Heffelfinger):***

The preliminary budget is now open for public review. It is not yet nailed down because they are waiting for the trash bids to come through. They still have some budget meetings scheduled. Barb wished everyone a wonderful holiday. She said it has been an absolute pleasure for her for the past 18 years to be here. She met so many new people and met so many new friends and learned so much about her town and it's only because she was here at the borough and she would like to thank you for that and have a Happy New Year.

***Insurance and Pensions (Mark Moffa):***

They received the insurance numbers for the commercial package for next year and they came in better than they were expecting. They were fearful of a couple of increases they could have hit them with on the lines of workers comp and liability insurance. It came in much better than they feared so they are doing pretty well on the insurance side. Beverly was helping him out with the health insurance quotes. The new numbers will be working their way into the budget.

***Public Safety (Joe Dudash):***

The Chief gave him all of the information and he wanted to thank the Chief and the officers for all of the hard work they did this year. As you can see with the crime statistics, everything is going on up on Route 1.

***Building and Maintenance (Joe Dudash):***

He wanted to thank the Activities Committee for Santa Claus and all the work they did. His kids liked it and there were enough cookies here. He also thanked the fire department for transporting Santa here. It was a really nice community event. The bids for trash are coming in on December 10<sup>th</sup>. They will review and have the lawyer look at them and then they can get it to Barb for budget. He is still receiving questions on recyclables. He wished everyone a happy holiday.

***Community Development (Barbara Heffelfinger):***

They are looking at a grant through DCNR to do something with Taddei Woods. They had a wonderful, sloppy time walking through the woods. It was brutal but you have to get in to look and see what you're dealing with before you can deal with it. Carol had an environmental expert with her. He's working up some estimates to present to the DCNR with what they are looking at. It's a project that needs to be done. They are working at a disadvantage because of the increased rainfall. The water table has gone up. The borough owns that property and they have to take care of it. It is federally designated wetlands. It is also part of an historical legacy for Pennel.

***Ordinances (Mark Moffa):***

They introduced the Medical Marijuana and Group Home Ordinances at the last meeting. It will be coming back up again shortly. They also brought up the Snow Ordinance and they are going to go back and make some revisions to it.

***Long Range Finance (Mark Moffa):***

They are targeting to have their first meeting January 9<sup>th</sup> and as soon as he hears from everyone he will let Marie know.

***Revitalization Task Force (Mark Moffa):***

They were trying to get a meeting together but have decided to give it a little more time. One of the members wanted to do more business surveying so they are giving him the opportunity to do that. Hopefully they will have their meeting soon which will then lead to the first public presentation of what they have been doing.

Mark wished everyone Happy Holidays and it has been a pleasure to have the opportunity to serve this year and to get to know everyone. He has learned a lot about the borough and he's looking forward to next year.

***Streets and Sewer (John Stratz):***

He met with the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission regarding street lights. They had a one on one with KLS Lighting Systems on November 19<sup>th</sup>. There doesn't seem to be any foreseeable problems. A miracle can happen and everything can go off without a hitch and we could get our street lights replaced for \$48,000.00 but with any possibilities of error, they have a cushion built into it just in case. It is an incredible discount from what they were looking at the last 2 years. He attended 2 meetings with the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission in November. On November 16<sup>th</sup> he attended Active Shooter Training with the Penn del Police. With all the meetings he has attended, it is a complete joy to help Penn del. It does entail a lot of out-of-pocket cost. As for sewers, he can't add anything more to the engineer's report. With all that she has planned, we will get a handle on it.

Beverly Wolfe wanted to add to Community Development with all of the grant requests that we have out. They were informed that many of them were delayed until sometime this month. They were supposed to have already been announced. They have 4 grants in play and are still waiting so everyone please keep their fingers crossed.

***Recreation Board (Rich Flanagan):***

Rich Flanagan was on the phone by speaker and asked if Karen Flowers was there and could speak. She said the last meeting was cancelled because of the weather. Their next meeting will be December 20<sup>th</sup>.

***Community Relations (Barbara Heffelfinger):***

She said the newsletter will be mailed out tomorrow morning. Please don't forget the Mayor's Santa visit at Burger King at 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. on Saturday morning with free breakfast for the kids.

New Business

MOTION BY JOHN STRATZ TO APPROVE INSTALLATION OF A PRESSURE GAUGE BY PRIVATE UTILITIES ENTERPRISES NOT TO EXCEED \$1,000.00. SECONDED BY MARK MOFFA. All ayes, motion carried. Beverly said to review from the engineer's report, what the pump is doing was not what it was designed to do and they have to find out why.

MOTION BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER TO AUTHORIZE ADVERTISEMENT OF THE 2019 MEETING SCHEDULE. SECONDED BY RICH FLANAGAN. All ayes, motion carried.

Persons to be Heard

***Kirsten Houser, 555 Bellevue Ave.***, had a question regarding Taddei swamp. She asked Barbara Heffelfinger which DCNR grant they were going for, if it was the one for the trail. Barb said no, she was not able to attend that meeting, Carol Schuehler went and could better answer that question. Carol said she attended the DCNR workshop about a month ago and they are going to bring the DCNR representative that covers Bucks County down to talk about which grant application and program it would best fall under. The \$60,000.00 grant might not be enough when we are dealing with all of the trees that need to be thinned and trees that are in poor health that need to be addressed. And they are talking about walkways and boardwalks in the wetlands area. \$60,000.00 is probably not going to be enough. They are putting together a generalized cost estimate which will be presented to the committee and DCNR members to talk about it. Kirsten said that Barb said this is now a federally declared wetland area. From her understanding from the previous council and the previous solicitor, there was research done and that solicitor came back and said no, that was in fact, not a federal wetlands area. Is there information to back that up? She understands there is more trouble and regulations we have to

deal with if so. She knows there's a lot of people in this town that don't want to pay that kind of funding to preserve that lovely area. Carol said it is on the National Wetlands Inventory and has been for decades. There's definitely wetlands out there, that is not a question in her mind or the soils engineer that she brought with her to the meeting in Taddei Woods. The goal here is to see what kind of grant funding can be obtained to address both the condition of the woods and to address making a suitable pathway for people.

**Kathleen McDonnell, 28 W. Lincoln Hwy.**, wanted to know if Tom Verrichia or Buckingham Developers ever received a building permit for the proposed Wawa. Mike Italia said there was nothing on file. The escrow that Verrichia was supposed to deposit for the development, did they ever receive sufficient escrow that was required? Marie Serota said she did receive a check in the last few weeks. When Kathleen was here for the meeting in May, a resolution was passed that Penndel would acquire the easements by eminent domain. She wanted to know what transpired with it and were they appraised. She wants to know how the whole deal fell apart. Ben Hauser said he cannot confirm or deny that the eminent domain proceedings may be taking place with the prospective properties. Kathleen asked if they were appraised. She left for Ireland in May and assumed all of this was being taken care of and then she comes back 6 months later and finds out that she can't get any answers on what happened during the 6 months. She heard on the street that George Sengpiel was one of the appraisers that was hired so she is trying to find out what the outcome of these appraisals was. Were there offers made to the owners of those properties? Ben Hauser said he can confirm that offers were made to a certain number of those property owners but he cannot go into detail because certain aspects may tie into future legal status. Kathleen said in those 6 months it sounds like nothing got done in regard to the properties or appraisals. Beverly Wolfe said she is having difficulty answering because of the situation. She said they authorized the solicitor to take on the responsibility of these easements, given with the intent that Verrichia would arrange for appraisals, send everything to their office, and have them do the research. Ben Hauser said as part of the land development process, the borough incurs a charge which is reimbursed by the developer. He cannot get into too much and he knows that is unsatisfactory to the audience, but it is because of where things may be going in the near future. Beverly said they proceeded exactly as they should. The escrow was replenished, whatever expenses there were was not incurred by the residents and were applied against that. That's all she can say at this time. Kathleen McDonnell said she understands that. She said that council mentioned grants and she wanted to know if Tom Verrichia was depending on grants to do whatever he is doing now from the borough. Beverly said not that she knows of and that the borough applies for grants on their own. Beverly said they hate to be evasive but they can only say so much. Kathleen McDonnell said her situation is a lack of communication between Tom Verrichia and themselves. They have been more than cooperative, but they don't know what's going on. Ben Hauser said the general impression was that the property owners were very cooperative. He thinks he can speak for council that they would like to say more but they cannot. Kathleen McDonnell understands and thanks and respects what they have said.

**Karen Kondrk, Assistant Borough Secretary**, has heard that people are talking because she put out a notification on Ready Notify PA about the Christmas Tree Lighting. She wanted everyone to know that she called the county and asked and they said she could use it for that. She read the email to and the response from John Hertler, which is attached.

**Karen Flowers, 500 Hulmeville Ave.**, sent an email to Beverly, Barbara and the Mayor and she heard back from the Boy Scouts of America that they can make 2 benches. The rec board would like to put a plaque on them which they would have to pay for. They were hoping to dedicate one to Mr. Gross who was with the Marine Corp. She doesn't have any suggestion for

the other bench. The scout that is making the benches needs to have them put somewhere. They don't have to have a dedication right away but he needs to have his Eagle project done by a certain date. She has to call him back to let him know if he can start the project and she had to check with council to see if it was ok. Karen wanted to put the 2 benches down at the memorial and move the metal bench. They will have cement on the sides so they will be heavier. Maybe they can put them on the cement block by the pavilion and create something there. She wanted an ok on this because he needs to get started. Beverly asked how big they are and Karen said they probably will be like the ones outside borough hall. Kirsten Houser said there are not many benches down there and there are a lot of parents and maybe they could be put along the walking path and they can sit and watch their kids. Beverly said that is a very plausible idea but it would come under the rec board. Karen wanted to know if he can start his project. He would deliver them by the 19<sup>th</sup>. They can have the dedication at a later date. He has to put them somewhere and since they are heavy, he wanted to put them where they wanted them. Joe Dudash said what he knows about the Eagle Scouts is he needs to do a plan, where they are going to go, what's the construction, what is the cost, the materials, etc. Ben Hauser said the duty to equip the park is entirely the rec boards according to borough ordinance. That is the rec board's decision. Beverly said the benches and the dedication are 2 separate items. They can talk about the dedication down the road. Ben asked if the plaques were a requirement of his project and Karen said she didn't think so. Beverly said the rec board has the authority to authorize these benches for placement within the recreation field area. The dedication they can talk about. They don't want to hold him up because he has a deadline. Beverly said they can get input from everybody for the dedication of the other one. They want to try to honor some of those brave people. She said let's get this Eagle Scout his Eagle badge. It's nice that kids still want to do that.

Kathleen McDonnell, 28 W. Lincoln Hwy., wanted to thank Karen Kondrk for helping her out with all the rain. Kathleen said she received a call that there was a foot of water in the basement at the old Irish Rover and she could not get a plumber because they were all busy. Karen got on the phone and got in touch with the Pennel Fire Co. and Kathleen got a call from one of the firemen, Billy McCool she thinks was his name. He came out with another fireman and said they don't normally do this but it was an emergency and since she couldn't get a plumber, they pumped it out for her. So for that she really wanted to thank them and Karen for helping her out.

**Dave Cahill, 462 Cynthia Ave.**, said to Joe Dudash, he would like to know why he is being lied to at all of these council meetings. Joe asked what the subject was. Dave said the subject was the last work session he attended that when Joe asked him to stay and listen to a response and he did and then Joe accused him of threatening somebody. Joe said he did not accuse him. Dave said he asked him to stay and listen to her response. Joe said how could the council woman give an answer when your foot was halfway out the door. Dave said the problem he has is that he called Mike Italia and he told him that Mr. Winkler lied to him. Mike Italia said he did not say that and to not put words in his mouth. Dave said Mike did tell him that and Mike Italia said he did not. Dave said in fact, he would like to know why Mr. Winkler is speaking on Laura Germain's behalf when this involves Laura Germain's address. Joe Dudash said with this council, everything is transparent and he is one of the individuals that has made it transparent. Joe said Dave wanted an answer and he wanted Laura to give that answer but he kept interrupting her. You have to let her give her reasoning. Dave said he was walking out the door and Joe asked him to stay. He didn't interrupt her. Joe said but he was walking out the door so the common courtesy is if you put an allegation out there, let the individual tell you what their answer is. Dave said he made it very clear that he is going to file charges for corruption. The only thing that is going to fix this is a date with the Zoning Hearing Board. She needs 2



variances and she needs to make a date with the board. Mike Italia said he was going to address the issue and that's where it stands. Joe Dudash said this council took his allegation and are going to have it inspected. Beverly even read a report after you left. There was another report so they are going out to look at it. She's not trying to hide it, she's trying to talk to him. Dave said to Joe he was going to call him out on his transparency because it wasn't that long ago that, he believes it was July, that he was laughed at and lied to about the call ready alert. He was told it was for emergencies only and it was an absolute lie. Beverly said she admitted to him that she was wrong at another council meeting. Dave said he didn't remember her admitting to him that she was wrong. He said he would like an apology. Joe said she did apologize and it's in the minutes. Karen Kondrk said Beverly didn't know. Karen didn't know either until she called the county. Joe said they want Dave, as a resident of Penndel, to come in front of this council and ask anything he wants. Dave said in return he wants a straight answer. Joe said to Dave that they are investigating. Dave said he wasn't quite sure because there were quite a few people coming up to the microphone asking questions about Wawa and they kept getting the same stupid response, oh everything is moving forward when we knew it wasn't. Joe said one allegation at a time. The first one with the Holly Ave. thing that they are investigating. They are not hiding anything under the table. Dave Cahill said that Laura Germain has missed the last 2 meetings. It looks like you are hiding her. She was here at the last work session. She missed the last council meeting. He believes he came to the November council meeting to ask questions and she wasn't here. Joe said nobody is hiding anybody. All he wants from Dave as a resident of Penndel is common courtesy to come to the council and listen and then let them give the answer of the investigation. With him going off like this and saying criminal charges is wrong. How can you say that when they have not even presented him with what the inspector is going out to observe or what they have found. Dave said corruption is a crime, isn't it? Joe said they are not at that stage. Ben Hauser said the gentleman is at liberty to criticize a public figure up here on the board, however, the accusation that he is making goes beyond a public figure and that person may or may not decide to take those comments and act upon them in their own right. And that's why is he interrupting here because it is going a little too far which has been voiced over and over again in this meeting. Beverly Wolfe asked Mike Italia if he did indeed say what Mr. Cahill said that you told him. Mike asked which part that was. Beverly said the part earlier where you said that you never said that? Mike said he did not know what he was talking about with the Mayor. He said that he provided a letter to the Mayor and Council dated August 31<sup>st</sup>. It was based on the information that was in the property file. Beverly Wolfe said the one that was signed by Rich O'Brien from Keystone Municipal Services. Mike said or the previous zoning officer. Mike said to Dave that he received his phone call last week. He said Dave asked him if he would reopen that and readdress it and Mike told him he would look into it. Dave said he did not ask him and Mike said that yes he did. Dave said he did not and Mike again said yes he did. Mike said Dave called him and asked him to look at it, that he may want to revisit this because he thought Mike was provided with incorrect information. Mike said that is what Dave said on the phone. Mike told Dave to not put words in his mouth. Dave asked Mike, did you or did you not tell him that he was told it was an attached garage to the house. Mike said his interpretation was from the property file. That did not come out of the Mayor's mouth. Ben Hauser intervened and said for the purposes of the record, please do not interrupt each other. Dave said Mike told him he was asked to do a plan review. Mike said he did that based off of the information in the property file. Dave said he was done. Joe Dudash told Dave to let Mike get the investigation done and he will present it to him. Give the council that option. Dave said you heard what he said at the work session. You have until the end of the year and then he is filing criminal charges.

Beverly Wolfe had an answer for Arlene Harms, 408 Cynthia Ave. She said that at one meeting Arlene mentioned about having the zoning and code enforcement officer look around town to

see if anyone is in violation. She has talked to Mr. Italia about that and they are going to take action on that. Mike Italia said if you see something, his email address is on the website and you have Karen & Marie's emails. Email them if you see anything. They don't act on anonymous complaints. If you want to report it, have the guts to sign it. He said the borough does not have the financial assets to drive around this town at \$75.00 an hour. It does not make sense. They are a complete, driven function. If they are out doing an inspection and they look down the street and they see something, no problem. You have to quantify anything by email. Don't call Karen, we need it in writing. He has no problem acting on it. You just have to let him know. He is a very accessible person. Ben Hauser said from a solicitor's prospective, a lot of code violations do end up in court and a written message trumps any I heard from "x". That's why you want a written record. Arlene Harms said we have ordinances for these things and she does not get \$75.00 an hour to ride around and file these complaints. Beverly said she has made some reports herself. Arlene said on behalf of herself and her family, she wanted to wish each and every one of them a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and she wanted to thank Sean and his department for the wonderful job that they are doing and to wish the officers a wonderful holiday and also Carol and also Mike even though she doesn't really know him. She knows how things work and she knows a lot has to be done and changed and she knows that the finances are small and she's just asking them to do the best that they can dealing with the stuff that's so blatant.

Mike Smith asked if there was going to be a work session because it wasn't on the calendar.

MOTION BY MARK MOFFA TO ADJOURN. SECONDED BY JOE DUDASH. All ayes, motion carried.

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marie Serota, Secretary/Treasurer