

Penndel Borough Council Meeting
Via Zoom Communications

December 7, 2020

Council President Barbara Heffelfinger called the meeting via Zoom Communications to order at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present at the meeting via Zoom Communications

Mayor Robert Winkler
Council President Barbara Heffelfinger
Council Vice President Beverly Wolfe
Councilman Gary Nickerson
Councilman Mark Moffa
Councilman John Stratz
Councilman Joe Dudash
Councilwoman Laura Germain – arrived late

Also present via Zoom Communications

Ben Hauser, Solicitor, Hill Wallack
Chief Sean Perry
Carol Schuehler, Value Engineering
Nick Foufas, Fire Marshal/EMC
Marie Serota, Secretary/Treasurer

Ben Hauser reported that there were a couple of matters they should address coming right out of the executive session and one motion and this will also serve as his solicitor's report. Council met in an executive session at 6:00 PM tonight. All members of council including Mayor Winkler were present as well as himself, Paul Buchhofer from BIU and his colleague Barbara Kirk. The executive session concluded at 7:33p.m. Matters discussed included personnel, code and zoning enforcement officer, a police personnel matter, litigation informational matters regarding 411 Hulmeville Ave. and 118 to 120 Bellevue Ave. That is it for the executive session report. Council has a motion to make.

MOTION BY MARK MOFFA TO DEFER TO THE ZONING HEARING BOARD WITHOUT PARTICIPATION FROM THE BOROUGH WITH RESPECT TO THE MATTER OF 411 HULMEVILLE AVENUE. SECONDED BY BEVERLY WOLFE. *Mike Smith, 127 Dehaven Ave.*, asked what the motion was for. Ben said the motion is his office is not going to send any attorney or counsel to be involved in the matter before the zoning hearing board next week. Mike said so there will be no borough official there. Ben said no borough attorney. A roll call vote was taken. Beverly Wolfe, yes, Gary Nickerson, yes, Mark Moffa, yes, John Stratz, yes, Joe Dudash, yes, Barbara Heffelfinger, yes. All ayes, motion carried 6-0, 1 absent.

Presentation by Barth Consulting Group

Stephen Barth made his presentation. Copy of PowerPoint on file in the secretary's office. Mark Moffa said he had some questions for him. He thanked him for his presentation. Mark said he mentioned that he had reached out to the Mayor through the Bucks County Planning Commission. Stephen said yes. Mark said he's been working on the revitalization task force with the members of that and was just curious that it came through the mayor because he's not a part of that, so he didn't know how he was funneled that way. Stephen said he was talking to Evan Stone and he was telling him about the borough's plan, and he thinks actually Bob was on

his LinkedIn or something so that's how that occurred. Mark said when he says he's looked at the borough's plan, does he mean that the document, that he would call the blueprint that the County Planning Commission helped prepare for them, is that what he's looking at. Stephen said yes. Mark asked when he talks about meeting with residents, part of that blueprint the county planning commission came in with a couple of years ago, they held town halls with residents. Mark asked if he took note of that part of the blueprint. Stephen said he didn't notice that in there. Mark said he believes the results of the surveys and things like that are there as well. He is curious when he says he's brought in businesses to these municipalities. He asked him to talk a little bit about that process and what that means to him because he's not a developer. Mark asked him if it was correct that he's not buying these properties. Stephen said no. Mark said when you said he brought in over 300 businesses, he asked what that means exactly. Stephen said an example of that is when they first started working in Hatboro, they had 54 empty properties on their main street out of 200 businesses. Some of the part of the process is finding out why the buildings are empty which can be for a variety of reasons. They had one place that used to be called Big Marty's Carpet. The father had died and the daughter owned the building. The roof had collapsed and there was mold inside the building. She thought the property should sell for \$1.7 million. He started bringing in some of these investor people and there's about \$700,000.00 of renovations in there. Step one is addressing the property. There was an old restaurant and the former guy left and he was ticked off and he tore out the ceilings, the electric wiring, the plumbing, and he ripped up the walls and tore up the floor. The property owner said he's not paying for this and he thought a new tenant should pay. Stephen said he would bring somebody in there and they would see the cost of renovating this. There was another property that was in Sheriff's sale or had gone into foreclosure with Citizen's Bank which then was bought by TD Bank and their asset recovery people were up in Maine. This was an old mill in Hatboro on their main street and it had been flooded out a number of times and was filled with mold and they let the property over grow and there were all kinds of issues. There's something called a borough blight ordinance. It's Act 90 and allows municipalities to take action if people are not keeping their properties up to code. That's something he implemented in New Hope and they got five of these derelict properties in process. A lot of time is spent with finding out what the reason is for this store being empty. In recruiting businesses, that happens in a number of ways. For example, a lot of people want a microbrewery. In Perkasio, there was a company which he was actually working with in New Britain Borough, and in New Britain they were looking at probably 12 properties. What he'll do is take them, based on the zoning codes what their needs are, is it a commercial space, or an industrial space, and he'll show them all the properties. Each property has its own set of circumstances. Is there enough parking, is there a buffer, how many EDU's come into the property. New Britain had no public water so they couldn't put the brewery there, so he took them to Perkasio and it was the same thing. They looked at 10 or 15 buildings and found one and he helped them with the financing. They got an SBA loan and had to do work with their appraisers, the zoning people and with the borough council because, in the town center, it didn't allow for a microbrewery because technically it was like manufacturing and so council had created a special overlay that allowed microbreweries and micro distilleries in the town center district. He kept bringing people to them and they kept encountering this same problem. He's not a realtor. Some of the people come from lots of different venues and people just show up sometimes. They read articles in the paper about the borough. They get existing businesses to recruit other complementary businesses to themselves. It's a whole variety of things but he helps all of them in one manner or another. When he works on their behalf as council, he always says to them is he's here as an incentive from the community to help them get established and grow their business here and anything they talk about is free and confidential and he helps them with everything. He thinks it's developing a good business plan if they're a coffee shop and they find out all their expenses are \$10,000.00 a month and then you go backwards on that and think, how many cups of coffee

do they have to sell to make \$10,000.00. If you spend more time on the business plan you guarantee more of their success. A lot of times he's helped promote them and do things on social media or write a press release for them and they have grand opening ceremonies. It's a whole slew of things. This past week they opened a company in Perkasio called the Gutter Guys and they have 30 employees and the quote from the owner was they were looking to build a facility in surrounding communities and he said they were welcomed so warmly, they knew this was home and they were really grateful and without any prompt from them, they went and put gutters in the park that's a block away from them. They have these old pavilion buildings and so they went and put up these new gutters and it was very heartwarming. That's what he would try to do for them. Mark said he mentioned an increase in household income, both verbally and in his presentation and also in his slides that have been provided to them as \$65,000.00 to \$85,000.00. Mark asked if he could explain what that means and how those types of increases are achieved. Stephen said that was for Perkasio Borough. When they were working on their comprehensive plan, if you were looking at their zoning map, there were large parcels of undeveloped land. They had worked with the county as well on that comprehensive plan so the projection was that all the housing would be built out by the year 2030. But because he was working there, he was in contact with all these developers and when he brings people up there, part of his presentation is riding around the community and showing them the assets and the park and downtown. They ended up achieving almost all of this housing 10 years ahead of schedule. Another example is they had this blighted factory building on 16 acres sandwiched between two of their parks and next to the shopping center. The building was caved in and it had all kinds of environmental issues. The company had gone bankrupt and abandoned the property. The local Quakertown National Bank had to take it back and he'd taken all kinds of other industrial people through there but really the best pathway, and this is what he's good at, is envisioning things outside of the boundaries. Just because it's labeled industrial doesn't mean it should be industrial. A lot of times like in your town, the town existed before zoning did and so what happens is that when zoning was created in the 60's, they just labeled things as they were, not really what they should be. Like around the train station. That was probably all like freight industry to the railroad. Taking a look today in Perkasio, the solution to buy the building and remediate the property was \$5,500,000.00 and the banknote was \$4,000,000.00 so the only person who could buy that really was a developer that had some high-density housing. They put in 144 townhomes there at about \$350,000.00 each and the average household income is around \$150,000.00. They have a couple of other housing projects. There was one that had 58 single family homes that averaged about \$515,000.00 and those household incomes were about \$225,000.00. Another one he thinks averaged in like the \$450,000.00's and they have another 200 that are in that \$350,000.00 range. Suddenly you have 300 new homes at \$150,000.00 household income versus where it had been. That's what changed that number. Mark asked if he knew what the median household income is in Pennel Borough. Stephen said he thought it was actually pretty high like in the 80's. Mark said at the last census, which is 10 years old now, he thinks they were at like \$36,000.00 Mark asked if he has any experience with municipalities like Pennel. They are a very blue-collar working class. He asked if that presents challenges he hasn't faced elsewhere. Stephen said no. Hatboro was a lot like that also. That was really a blue-collar community. On the other hand, in Collegeville and New Hope, they had very high levels of educational attainment and very high levels of income. He thinks Collegeville in their town center was like \$124,000.00. When you're recruiting different types of businesses what you would want to do is like for Pennel, there is a high traffic count, and he thinks the proximity to other markets would allow them to go court different types of businesses. It would be the ones that Pennel wants, not what he wants. He would help enhance what the community's history is. Do you want coffee shops or breweries or bake shops. He would take his direction from them. He has a lot of contacts and that's the value of what he has. Mark asked him to talk a little bit about Collegeville in his presentation.

It's important to him because they've been looking about what's been going on in Collegeville. Mark asked him to talk a little more about what he did there and who he worked with from Collegeville. Stephen said he has been talking to them for a number of years and they had a really nice revitalization plan like Pennel. They had what they called the Collegeville Economic Development Corporation which was kind of like their main street and then they had a subcommittee of council called the Business Development Committee. They had spent a lot of time planning but not doing and the conversations became more frequent and he finally said he's given them a lot of information and they have to make a choice for their community to step forward. The college was very interested in making something happen because their 150th anniversary was coming up. They said to the college why don't they just pay for it and because they had had this relationship of mistrust, they said they would be willing to pay half if the borough pays half and then the borough said yes and so it started. They had never even spoken. There were some properties across the street which he had worked with the president on. One of the oldest families in the borough hated the college and there was so much bad blood, and he was able to resolve that. This family wanted to sell the property and it was between a whole series of properties that the college owned. Stephen said if they don't mind the indulgence, it was kind of funny because pets love him. He goes to the door and the lady opens it and he went to pet the cat and she said be careful, he bites everyone so they're sitting there and this cat is climbing all over him and the ladies said that's unbelievable and he said her cat is trying to tell her she can trust him. He said he's here to help her and the college. It worked out really well and they began the process. They had all kinds of troubles with these unmaintained properties. He recommended they hire a code officer which they did to start enforcing the property maintenance thing and they saw immediate improvement to that. He had them hire the Montgomery County Planning Commission because they needed to do some zoning changes in their main street district there and with what they wanted to do. The college owned 9 of 12 properties across from campus and all of them were vacant and they wanted to create a walkable college town. Converting residential properties to commercial is pretty challenging. They have to go through a lot of code changes. Now with Covid, the college took all those properties off the market because then they had to put the kids in these old frat houses, so the kids had single rooms. Depending how long this pandemic lasts, he doesn't know what's going to be the future. One of the best things was the relationship with the school and the borough. While going around looking at properties, he found this piece of land the borough owned on the river that was getting chewed up by the sewer authority. He asked what the land was and they're like oh it's just nothing, they have this land from FEMA. This guy in the River Conservancy had found a colonial era boat ramp and so he had this idea of creating this park. They got two grants this year to create it so now it's going to be the trailhead in this Montgomery County park and it's the halfway point on the Perkiomen Creek Watershed. They have these kayak tours through there so now they're going to be a stopping point and now they actually get to be a destination. So that was a good outcome. Mark said he mentioned blighting and they have, as he thinks probably most places do, have at least one property that might fall into that category. Mark asked him to describe the process of how a municipality can deal with a property like that. Stephen said it's very complex. You find out who the property owners are. Some people just leave them dormant because nobody's putting any pressure on them. Step one would be talking to the owner and finding out what the circumstance is. Two would be he says to them they are going to be stepping up with the code issues and they would like them to do it voluntarily and here's some of the things they'd like them to address. Some of those people will or will not do that and then you have that Act 90 ordinance which gets pretty serious. There are a couple of things. One, they have to have current tax payments and two, they have to list the property for sale. It doesn't mean they have to sell it, but they have to have it listed for sale. Three, they have to bring it up to code. There was a blighted hotel in Collegeville called the Perkiomen Hotel. Some guy bought it for at a sheriff's sale and the police wouldn't even go

in the building it was so bad. Once they got that code officer, he had a 25-page list of things. A lot of times he has worked with them to try to help them. First you see if they will develop the property themselves and you can help them envision what the potential of the property is like. There was an old mill in Hatboro that flooded out that he was telling them about earlier and he found some people and they already owned a lot of property in the borough, but he worked with them about possibilities of things to do and how to improve the building. They ended up doing that and they invested like half a million dollars and it's now a catering space. There is a factory and he's working on that project right now in Perkasio and they're going before the school district to get one of these LERTA tax abatements. It was probably a seven-year thing on remedial. There were a lot of environmental challenges there and they enlisted the state senator, and he was pretty amazing. They said they've exhausted every possibility the DEP did not get back to them so he said he would see what he could do. The next week, they had the head of the DEP in the borough hall. He also helps with grants and these historic tax credits, they learned things that can save them half million to \$1,000,000.00 or more. With the municipalities, working with them during the planning process, they'll bring in their engineers and solicitors and troubleshoot the project before they start spending a lot. What happens in a lot of towns is somebody submits something and the township will say they hate this and they ask what they hate and they won't tell them and they'll say resubmit. Then the folks have to spend another \$10,000.00 or \$15,000.00 reengineering stuff and that goes on and on and on. Stephen said he would be getting the vision and know what is wanted and so then it's easier to tell them and they appreciate that. Mark said he mentioned LERTA and that's something he and Councilman Gary Nickerson have been working on and they were trying to time it right with you know the big task it will take of the school district. Right now they're busy dealing with trying to keep people healthy and schools open so any tips or tricks he has with his experiences with LERTA would be great. Stephen said they definitely need the school district on their side. One thing is explaining what LERTA is. He thinks a lot of people think it's forgiving all the taxes and it's not so. The one that they're working on in Perkasio, the existing taxes are \$16,000.00 a year and they're asking for a five-year LERTA so it would incrementally increase 20% a year. The day that they open the building, it's not 100% occupied so it helps the developer and then in this case with these guys, the funds that they're saving up front, they're using it to remediate the property. Morrisville borough created a whole LERTA district so instead of waiting for each individual property to come, they proactively already approved the LERTA and if Pennel were able to do that, he'd recommend that. When he goes to court, industrial people, they always ask what you can give them. There is no free money around so if you say you have this tax incentive. They just filled out a 100,000 square foot building at this industrial park in Perkasio. The total taxes on that building in one year is \$300,000.00 so if the new company that just leased it, their first year you have forgiveness of \$300,000.00, it's not cash in hand but it's money like paper money. If you can do that you know and he thinks showing the school the benefit like if they don't do it, you still have a blighted property that's paying \$16,000.00 a year forever. If you do the LERTA, typically it increases by like a multiple of at least 10 so the school districts are like you. How do you create revenue other than raising taxes. You create these LERTAS. Mark said he mentioned that he's not a realtor. He happens to be a realtor, so he is really interested in his discussion on trying to convince property owners of the realistic value of their property. Like any other town, they have certain commercial strip mall owners who have an unrealistic expectation of what their property might be worth. He would like to know how he goes about demonstrating to them the realistic value of their property. Stephen said it's like the appraisal process. A lot of people have unrealistic expectations. There was a property in Hatboro that used to be a CVS building and the guy had owned it since the 30's in the heart of downtown and he died and his three sons wanted to list it. They wanted 3.3 million dollars and he was like where did you come up with that number and they said that's the number they want. It was really each kid wanted \$1,000,000.00. What happened was he must have brought 40

different people through and finally years later they're down to like \$600,000.00 and they can't even give it away. All the best people came in the beginning. This happens over and over again. There was a bank he was working with on a property and the business was a thrift shop and they went bankrupt. The bank held the note and the note was 1.2 million, but the property was worth around \$650,000.00. They tried to sell it for 1.2 million and at the end they got \$650,000.00. He tries to relate some of those stories. When working really intimately within a town, he knows what all the properties have sold for and are selling for and what the lease rates are. He will also help with refinancing buildings. There was a guy in Perkasio and he owned a whole block but half the building was empty and so they refinanced the building and then he was able to lower everybody's rents to like \$10 a square foot in the whole buildings and he was able to use some of that money to put in HVAC and fix up the second floor. But it is a challenge. Mark asked him if he had a chance to drive around Pennell at all or if he just used Google Earth. Stephen said not recently but, they did use Google Earth the other day. Mark said he gave an example of a property in the center of town that was something that the people there didn't want and Pennell sort of has a similar situation with a parcel that if you look at that blueprint from the Bucks County Planning Commission, they envisioned all these different things, and we have an industrial use there right now. They did the TOD, but you know we have an owner that's utilizing the underlying industrial use and it's become a bit frustrating. That would be one of the big challenges here. Mark asked him if when he works with municipalities does he tend to work with township or borough managers. Stephen said he usually reports to the borough manager and that has worked well because they're the conduit between all of council. In some communities, there's been some polarization of council and by having the manager be the funnel, it makes that very neutral. In Collegeville for example, there was a lot of mistrust amongst the council so his first thing as acting as the therapist was to help heal the council and so by creating more trust, anything he would do or say, they all got it at the same time. When they are working on land development things, knowing the process is really a key piece of this and the managers play a really significant role and then the other reporting goes to their committee. He doesn't know if they are going to do this, but he would go to all those meetings and it was kind of like a line-item reporting really because they would be more like the steering committee, guiding things and he is the guy that is out in the field digging the trench for them. Mark said thank you for mentioning Act 90. He saw the attorney taking notes when he said that because that is something, he's mentioned to him previously. Joe Dudash thanked Stephen for talking to them and told him he was the first one that made sense. Joe said he likes him because he believes in action. People hold things up and it wasn't the people in the town, it's greedy people so he just made everything eminent domain and then started from scratch. Joe said the problem is they've heard it 500 times. He's saying we're on the same path and they've got drawings probably from 1968. He thinks what Mark, Tom Sodano and Amanda and there's a couple others that were on these committees helped it out. But it seems like the county comes down here and they have all these fascinating drawings and then you hear nothing from them. They give them all these blueprints and drawings and then you never hear from them again. It all looks good on paper and then they get a project down in this one area, it's the truck area down by the railroad station which they were going to get a builder in there and he thinks he touched on it, but this is a continuous problem in this town. Someone like yourself, you setup, you get schmoozing and everything else but then you start the price. You have one guy saying he's getting this price the next thing you know the other ones jack it up then he finds out from the other one and it is a continuous problem in this town of price gouging and cutthroat tactics. The poor builders, they said the heck with this and let's build it in Middletown, so they packed up and moved. This is a continuous problem here with blight. He kept saying you have to start attacking this guy. You can't just be nice sometimes you have to go to court and slap him. He can't be any more politically correct than that. Every time you go down there, there is going to be price gouging. Joe asked how he handles what Mark was

saying. Stephen said about the plan that they have, the metaphor he has for these economic plans is planners are planning people and there's doers and planners. The county is not going to negotiate on the properties. They design the plan. It's sort of like people in a four-legged race and so when they give you the plan, that's the third leg but then who takes it across the finish line. It's your committee there and you have a unique set of skills that dovetail. It's like playing all the best hands in poker. He's got all the best cards. He knows the financing, visioning, the zoning and code and he knows the municipal process so that's gives him a royal flush just in that one area. He thinks the part about the price gouging, some of that's kind of like human nature. In New Britain, when they were developing this site, they had a lot of that same problem. They had some people coming in advance trying to lowball people on their properties because they knew what was coming. People that owned properties then wanted four times what it was worth because they knew at some point it was going to be worth that. The developers are willing to pay a fair price and they create a whole framework model. There was a property they were working on in Hatboro and the guy wanted \$3,000,000.00 and he owned a whole square block so the developer guys they got all this engineering done and they came back with an offer for 2.8 million and then the guy says he wants 4 million. They flipped out and walked away. It's a tricky thing and he'd have to talk with those people. There is a certain zone where people will pay you a premium because of the location but it has to be realistic. That goes on everywhere. Joe asked if it ever reaches a point where you go in and say it's just not going to work because they're not budging on it and then you have to restructure somewhere. Stephen said if people have cash in hand like a lot of the last real estate things he did in Perkasi were all cash deals, about \$300,000.00 to \$500,000.00. He would educate them and show them the other properties on their street and say here's what they're worth, here's what they sold for. That's the hardest problem with this work really is because they don't own the properties and you don't control them and the only way you can influence things or people is having a good plan to show people. Or you help the guy and say if you don't sell it, he'll help them develop it and bring in a partner to do it. Joe said that Stephen said it's important to have a good zoning officer and a business manager so there's two elements he really thinks is important. Joe asked him what the cost would be to have him as a partner in the revitalization. Stephen said you can do it a couple different ways, but most towns have an annual retainer and depending on the scope of work, it could be \$25,000.00 to \$60,000.00, depending on how much work you want to occur and what kind of days or hours a week. When the world was open, he would spend a couple days a week in the town meeting with people and taking investors around and meeting with the business owners. Joe said with the blight Act 90, he asked if the cost is much to the borough or township and do you have to be prepared to have an attorney. Stephen said in these other towns it never got to that place. The problem is the borough had never enforced the property maintenance and the first leg of that is you can fine them and he thinks in Collegeville, the hotel was fined either \$500.00 or \$1,000.00 a day. You go to court and they are forced to pay and you can put liens on the property, so they start feeling some pain. Ultimately, the borough can take the property and so up until this point they don't think you can do anything to them and so suddenly they find out they can lose and then something happens. He thinks a lot of towns don't know what to do with those properties. The borough is in charge. In Chalfont Borough, they had this burned-out car wash right on their entry to their town and so they asked him about that, and he said shame on them because they didn't force the guy after the fire to fix up the building. He said they asked if they could do that and he said absolutely. You have to give them time to repair it. Same with another property so they created a blight committee and then really started addressing things.

Gary Nickerson said a lot of the tools that can help revitalization are grants and with Covid, they're hearing from a lot of people that the grants are likely or have the potential to be drying up. Gary said he wasn't sure what his take on that is or are there other tools that are available for revitalization. Stephen said he hasn't heard that the grants are drying up. He highly

recommends they have a good plan. He usually helps towns with writing them or kind of guide the narrative towards projects they want like particularly the TOD projects. There's a lot of money for that stuff and the grants have different timing cycles. They're difficult to write. He said he didn't know if PennDel has in their codes a developer impact fee. Barbara said she didn't think so. Stephen said he would put that in as soon as possible. In Perkasio, for every house there's a \$1,500.00 developer impact fee and that money goes only to their park system. They've gotten over \$750,000.00 for park improvements. At \$1,500.00 per unit, they can do a lot of nice streetlamps and park equipment and things like that. There are no grants to pay for people like him. There is no main street manager funding like there used to be. There are planning grants which they can get from the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission. The DCED has some funding for different projects and the multimodal one he thinks would be a great asset for the borough. The infrastructure like the circle where the roads kind of have that triangle, they have to talk to Evan Stone about that. Those kinds of things he thinks they can get funding on. When he writes them for municipalities, he designs them so they tee up with specific brands and so you have the engagement by the residents and so you can say like 85% of the residents want a tot park somewhere or they want a trail connecting the train station to something. Once you can prove that it puts you higher up on the grant list. If anybody has any questions, they can email him through Barbara or Bob or whoever. Barbara thanked him for coming and said she thinks he made everybody feel a lot better than they felt.

Mike Smith, 127 Dehaven Ave., said if he is involved with Perkasio and the way they handle their tree lighting, Mike said he implores everyone in PennDel to go see it. It is amazing to see that they get that many people in a downtown area. He said it's very good. All of the businesses and residents are together and there's no separation and the train station is great. Mike asked Stephen about the money he talked about. He asked if the \$25,000.00 to \$60,000.00 is yearly. Stephen said yes. Mike said he wanted to make sure no one thought it was a one-time fee. Mike asked Mark how is it that he keeps getting sideswiped by the mayor. Barbara said that is not appropriate. Ben Hauser said they do not need to respond if they should wish not to.

Terry McIntyre, 335 Hulmeville Ave., asked how his fee structure was, if it's hourly and if he determines it or is it determined by the borough. He said it is determined by him. Normally what happens in this process with the developers like the work that he does for you is not nine to five and the work that he does is not really like anybody else. These developer guys call him at midnight on a Saturday night, when rich people are thinking about things they want to talk about. He would structure that based on a certain amount of hours per week. It depends what the scope of work is wanted from them. He would create a contract with that which would outline the entire process, like who he would report to. This is a collaborative thing with all of them, but council would decide who they would want him to report to, whether it's Mark or the borough manager or whoever. Terry said so he has a set hourly rate. Stephen said yes. Stephen said what he does is he would give a monthly report to council that outlines everything that he's doing. He doesn't bill like an engineer. They kind of bill in like 10-minute increments. He doesn't do that because he finds that he's spending more time tracking than doing. It generally works out pretty even. Normally he would do quarterly presentations to council and to the public like a PowerPoint sort of thing and then he does different reports that the community gets to see as well. Anything he does, he usually creates a Dropbox or Google file sharing so that anything he produced belongs to the borough.

Bob Winkler asked Stephen how he contacted him. Bob said he stated that he would like to come to the borough council and give a presentation. Stephen said that's correct. Bob said he turned it over to Barbara who is council president who is in charge of meetings to let the

president handle it. Stephen said he didn't know the process. Bob said he just wanted to square it away because he has one person that wants to make him look bad. Stephen said it was an innocent contact. He doesn't know if he saw his email on the website or if it was on LinkedIn. He wasn't trying to sidestep the proper channel. He apologized if anyone feels that that occurred but that was not his intention and he just happened to get Bob and so he passed it on in the chain of command. Barbara thanked him for coming and said they would be in touch.

Council or Borough Announcements

Barbara Heffelfinger thanked the mayor and fire company for lighting the tree. Billy Young comes every year with his bucket truck and helps us with the lights otherwise they wouldn't be able to do that because the tree is rather large. The tree is very well done and thanks to all who helped out.

Consent Items

MOTION BY BEVERLY WOLFE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 18, 2020 BUDGET WORK SESSION AND APPROVE THE FOLLOWING BILLS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2020. SECONDED BY JOHN STRATZ. Beverly Wolfe said the midmonth voucher has been reviewed and approved by the Finance Committee.

General Fund	\$ 22,074.37
Fire Tax Fund	\$ 550.09
Refuse Fund	\$ 16,430.04
Sewer Fund	\$ 30,809.22
Capital Reserve Fund	\$103,729.01
Sewer Capital Fund	\$ 2,454.00
Liquid Fuel Fund	\$ 1,668.03
Escrow Fund	\$ 2,767.50
Payroll Fund	\$ 593.29

Payroll

General Fund	\$27,573.35
Sewer Fund	\$ 3,478.28
Refuse Fund	<u>\$ 579.72</u>
Total	\$31,631.35

Escrow Fund Bills

Auto Zone:

Value Engineering	\$1,313.25
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Schoolhouse Court:

Value Engineering	\$1,454.25
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Mid-cycle invoices paid:

SWIF invoice dated 10/30/2020 in the amount of \$4,251.22 for Fire Dept. workers' compensation insurance

Comcast invoice dated 11/15/2020 in the amount of \$200.06 for internet & voice service at 300 Bellevue Avenue

Purchase Power invoice dated 11/23/2020 in the amount of \$320.12 for postage meter refill

Independence Blue Cross dated 11/6/2020 in the amount of \$4,709.11 for medical insurance installment

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania application fee dated 11/13/20 in the amount of \$65.63 for the DVRFA loan application

Amazon Capital Services invoice dated 11/17/2020 in the amount of \$40.75 for a Word Press for Dummies book and tablets

Comcast October invoices (replacing Check #13466 dated 10/15/20 that was not received by Comcast) for 37 W. Woodland Ave. and 790 Neshaminy Street plus December invoices totaling \$717.26

A roll call vote was taken. Beverly Wolfe, yes, Gary Nickerson, yes, Mark Moffa, yes, John Stratz, yes, Joe Dudash, yes, Barbara Heffelfinger, yes, Laura Germain, yes. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTIONG BY BEVERLY WOLFE TO APPROVE THE BILLS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2020. SECONDED BY JOHN STRATZ. A roll call vote was taken. Beverly Wolfe, yes, Gary Nickerson, yes, Mark Moffa, yes, John Stratz, yes, Joe Dudash, yes, Barbara Heffelfinger, yes, Laura Germain, yes. All ayes, motion carried.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Winkler read his report which is on file in the secretary's office. Barbara said thank you to Anthony as well for helping with the tree lights.

Chief's Report

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

Chief Perry said he had a few things that he wanted to talk about. At the last few meetings, a few of you have noticed that there's been some inquiries from council members regarding police matters and police investigations that has also continued in constant emails to him regarding requesting information. Some of it infringes on management rights and some of it is completely uncalled for and completely out of line by council. Some of that information requested is regarding open investigations, requesting vehicle logs, monthly statistical data, narcotics surveillance operations, traffic studies, and different things along those lines which completely are out of line for council to request. He gives Bob a daily briefing of everything that's going on. He also gives a monthly report to council what the Police Department is doing but these inferences made by some of the council members are completely out of line. That being said, he did reach out to the DA's office and he got a letter written from First Assistant District Attorney Greg Shore that was addressed to him. He's going to read it so they can understand what it says. Again, he's tried to address this by saying certain things are police matters and are not going to be spoken about but apparently it kind of fell on deaf ears with certain members of council.

Chief Perry read the letter as follows:

Dear Chief:

I write in response to communications you have had with our office voicing concerns about questions you are receiving from Borough Council in reference to criminal investigations. Put simply, of paramount importance is the independence of your department and its individual officers from any outside interference.

Specifically, we have been advised that two Borough Council members have continually attempted to obtain information on open investigations. On one occasion, threatening that if answers were not received by the Council Member that investigation will be brought up at a Council meeting, and it subsequently was. You responded at that Council Meeting that it was an open investigation which you could not discuss.

As you know, and I am writing to confirm, you are professionally sworn to direct your police officers. If at any time, you have any questions about the law, or if appropriate procedures are being followed, you are most welcome to consult with me or any of the Assistant District Attorneys here at the Bucks County District Attorney's Office.

In a borough form of local government, the mayor has its primary oversight responsibility for the police department, but as you know, that authority does not extend to directing the law enforcement activities under the department. That is for you and the professionals under your command, and naturally when a prosecution is brought it is also a matter for the District Attorney's Office which has the ultimate responsibility for prosecution of a matter brought by arrest or summons. Should the Mayor or any of the Council Members wish to contact me, they are welcome to.

We hope that our office continues to maintain the excellent relationship with your department that we have maintained through the years in discharging the important duties that we share.

Should you have additional questions or concerns, always feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,
Greg Shore
First Assistant District Attorney

Joe Dudash said, first of all you're talking about me and nobody and it's on public record, asked you for any type of investigations. The chief said he has and he has in email as well. Joe said here's the thing. When he asked him this week questions about a particular item and he's not going to mention it. The chief said he would read the emails right now. Joe said as a police chief he's supposed to answer to this council and to the people of Penned, where the money is going. For you disobeying and defrauding the people of Penned. John Stratz said defrauding? Joe said yes, defrauding. Barbara said Joe was out of order. Joe told Barbara to just be quiet. The chief said for him to continue to make accusations and continue to ask him for information and the district attorney's office is going to step in. Joe said nobody has asked him about any investigations. The chief said he has on numerous occasions. Joe said you want to go public on this, he'll go public on this. Barbara said no he won't. The chief said you've heard what the district attorney's office had to say. You want to go public on it, go ahead and you can deal with the consequences. Joe said you want to start a war, he'll start a war with him. Barbara said they will go to executive session. Joe said he will put in a motion to get rid of him. Joe said he is out of control. The chief said so is he. The chief said Joe is the one screaming. He screams at residents, he screams at him, he screams at council members. Joe said he's nuts. He said he will not put up with him. Joe said he will go to the them because he defrauded the people for the money and he lied and falsification. The chief said he never lied. Not once. Ben Hauser said they will go to executive session for confidential matters. Joe said he has emails to prove it. Joe said you want to rock and roll, he'll rock and roll. For defrauding the people of Penned for money and everything else. Joe said you want to go public on what he asked him, and he gave him a no answer because it has to do with the budget. The chief said Joe asked him for narcotics surveillance operations, monthly statistical data, vehicle logs. Joe said he is out of his

mind. Ben Hauser said the council will be entering executive session for matters of confidential matters relating to the police department and resuming as soon as possible.

Ben Hauser reported that council broke into executive session at 9:17 p.m. The seven members of council and Mr. Winkler were in attendance along with himself. The matters were informational and confidential relating to the Police Department. The meeting concluded at 9:49 p.m.

Engineer's Report

Carol Schuehler read her report which is attached.

Fire Marshal/EMC Report

Nick Foufas read his report which is on file in the secretary's office.

Mark Moffa asked Nick about the Covid precautions that he mentioned. He asked what facilitates that. Are the businesses reaching out to him to find out what they should be doing or is it that people called and reported that they don't think a business is doing the right thing. Nick said some of the businesses' insurance companies, whether it be property insurance or what have you, are requiring them to post and submit back to them verification that they are meeting their occupancy restrictions. Some of them do not have clearly posted in the various different areas of their properties the approved occupancy levels by the fire code so they went back through square footages and whatnot and the calculations that they utilized and figured that out and then they imposed the restrictions. It was not something that was started by Pennel Borough or Bucks County. This is put on them by their third-party insurance and they reached out because they had no other recourse to figure this out.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Community Relations

Laura Germain said based on comments from the last meeting about the website, she spoke to the president and vice president of council and they decided that she was going to put together a little tutorial that they would do during one of the meetings and this would hopefully alleviate a lot of the concerns but obviously not during December because it is super busy. Look for that in January and that will also be made available to the public on the website and the Facebook page. They seem to have solved the problem where she was posting things on the website, but they weren't showing up on all the computers.

Finance

Beverly Wolfe reported that the budget is done but the binders are not done yet. Council has a copy including narratives, schedules and the new and improved calendar for the year which includes council committee meetings. They will get their binders as soon as the copies get to her and she makes the books up. Everyone got their copies and the public had their ten-day period to inspect.

Open Space

John Stratz reported that due to the dip in temperatures down into the 20's, the mosquitoes are dead for a while.

MOTION BY JOE DUDASH TO HAVE YOUNG'S TREE SERVICE REMOVE A TREE FOR NOT MORE THAN \$1,500.00 AND BURCZ LANDSCAPING FOR TREE REMOVAL AT A RESIDENCE ON OAK AVE. SECONDED BY MARK MOFFA. Beverly Wolfe, yes, Gary Nickerson, yes, Mark Moffa, yes, John Stratz, yes, Joe Dudash, yes, Laura Germain, yes,

Barbara Heffelfinger, abstained because she went to look at the trees and she didn't see what she was supposed to see. Until she gets that information, she abstains. Motion carried 6-0, 1 abstention.

Public Works

John Stratz reported they had street sweeping a short while ago and he's very happy to report that many residents, after watching the street being swept, cleaned the leaves off their front yards and quite a couple of them took to professional leaf cleaning with four or five guys with rakes and this big leaf vacuum, so thank you residents.

Refuse

Gary Nickerson reported that Waste Management acquired Advanced Disposal a couple of weeks ago. They've received a couple letters about it, so they looked into it and there are no short-term changes at all for borough residents. They've indicated that in 2021 they might start seeing the trucks with Waste Management on them, but they've indicated that we will have the same contacts and the same people are going to be working so they don't really anticipate any change other than that. Eventually it will say Waste Management on the trucks. The other concern is the contract that we have with Advanced Disposal. They have to honor that, so it looks like it's pretty straightforward.

Long Range Finance

Gary Nickerson said they did not have a meeting last month and they will be having one this Wednesday the 9th. Mike Smith said there is a zoning meeting that night. Gary said he is aware of that.

Revitalization Task Force

Mark Moffa reported that they also had a meeting scheduled for this Wednesday that he's probably going to cancel that in light of the zoning hearing board meeting. He said the revitalization task force wasn't on the schedule so they will button up a date. They had a presentation from a consultant tonight. They're going to be interviewing borough managers coming up so he thinks all of those things would be decisions council will be making in the coming weeks and will be key to the future of the revitalization taskforce. There is a little bit of latency right now while council puts these additional pieces in place.

Old Business

MOTION BY JOHN STRATZ TO APPROVE SNOW REMOVAL FROM GRIMMER CONSTRUCTION FOR THE 2020-2021 SEASON. SECONDED BY MARK MOFFA. Beverly Wolfe asked if all of council was given a copy of this estimate. Mark said he thought John told them at the last meeting what the numbers were. Beverly said considering that they are the only people who would even quote them. Ben Hauser said for the purpose of the record, he asked if he received three quotes from 2019 for the 2019-2020 snow year. John said yes. He said that is actually the basis of what they can use for Grimmer. All of them from 2019 have verbally said that there was going to be no change in pricing. Ben said to make this clear, while he has three written quotes, was he also this year telephonically confirmed that the three written quotes are still in effect for this upcoming year. John said is that correct. Ben asked that of all these quotes, is this the lowest price and lowest responsible bidder. John said yes. Beverly said and they are the only ones who will make do with their insurance requirements. John said he reached out to bigger municipalities around them who turned him down flat. Beverly read Grimmer Construction's snow removal estimate. For the winter season 2020 to 2021, standard snowplow truck \$143.00 an hour for truck with salt provided by Penndel Borough. Beverly said they will get it from Middletown as they always do. Shoveling, \$60.00 per hour per man. Snow

blowing, \$75.00 per man per hour. ATV with plow, \$90.00 per hour. Sidewalk salting, \$42.00 per bag. Backhoe for snow removal, \$190.00 per hour per machine. Skid steer, \$175.00 per hour per machine. Front end loader, \$280.00 per hour per machine. Beverly said basically, it's the same exact one that they had last year and everybody who did previously bid, it was around the same. Mark said for those who like to keep business local, their offices are right on Business Route 1 in Penndel and he believes the owner and his family live next door in Langhorne Manor. A roll call vote was taken. Beverly Wolfe, yes, Gary Nickerson, yes, Mark Moffa, yes, John Stratz, yes, Joe Dudash, yes, Barbara Heffelfinger, yes, Laura Germain, yes. All ayes, motion carried.

New Business

Marie Serota said that Mark mentioned about revitalization task force meetings and the schedule for the meetings and she just remembered that she doesn't think they proved the meeting schedule to be advertised for 2021 meetings. Beverly if she could use what she gave her in the budget and develop it from that so they can approve it for publishing. Marie said they would have to readvertise whatever changes would be made. Barbara asked if they could do that at the next meeting. Beverly said the revitalization task force is not a council committee, so it doesn't need to be part of that. Ben said he doesn't believe that that needs to be a part of it, but it should be.

MOTION BY BEVERLY WOLFE TO ADOPT THE 2021 BUDGET WHICH WAS ADVERTISED FOR REVIEW ON NOVEMBER 27TH, 2020. SECONDED BY MARK MOFFA. Mark said there is a 3-mil tax decrease. A roll call vote was taken. Beverly Wolfe, yes, Gary Nickerson, yes, Mark Moffa, yes, John Stratz, yes, Joe Dudash, yes, Barbara Heffelfinger, yes, Laura Germain, yes. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION BY BEVERLY WOLFE TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #2020-39 FIXING AND RETAINING CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2021 IN THE AMOUNTS OF 21.3 MILLS FOR GENERAL BOROUGH PURPOSES, 3.0 MILLS FOR FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES, AND 3.5 MILLS FOR DEBT SERVICE, AS PROVIDED UNDER THE PENNSYLVANIA BOROUGH CODE. SECONDED BY MARK MOFFA. Ben Hauser said so that the public is aware, under the borough code, if you retain or cut taxes, you only have to pass a resolution. A roll call vote was taken. Beverly Wolfe, yes, Gary Nickerson, yes, Mark Moffa, yes, John Stratz, yes, Joe Dudash, yes, Barbara Heffelfinger, yes, Laura Germain, yes. All ayes, motion carried. Barbara said that Beverly really deserves a big pat on the back for this because she did a fantastic job so thank you very much. Council all thanked her. Beverly said she couldn't do it alone. Everyone contributed.

MOTION BY MARK MOFFA TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF CROSSING GUARD TED KRISTINIAK. SECONDED BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER. A roll call vote was taken. Beverly Wolfe, no, Gary Nickerson, yes, Mark Moffa, yes, John Stratz, yes, Joe Dudash, no, Barbara Heffelfinger, yes, Laura Germain, yes. Motion carried 5-2, Beverly Wolfe and Joe Dudash, no.

Mike Smith, 127 Dehaven Ave., said he hasn't seen him in a while. He asked how he was doing. Barbara said he is doing OK medically and hasn't heard anything specific. Barbara said they certainly appreciate everything that Ted has done over the years. Beverly said maybe when they are back in session and all together in the same building, they should put him on the list of honorees. Barbara said she is absolutely correct. He really took his job seriously and worked very hard. He was there early and left late and he got to know all the kids and he knew

exactly who was coming at what time. He really took an interest in what he did. They can't thank him enough. Beverly said he yelled at a lot of people on Bellevue Ave. to slow down.

MOTION BY MARK MOFFA TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE AGREEMENT WITH NEW AMERICA POWER FOR ELECTRIC SERVICE PROVIDED BY HUDSON ENERGY AT THE FIXED RATE OF \$0.0543 FOR 24 MONTHS. SECONDED BY BEVERLY WOLFE. A roll call vote was taken. Beverly Wolfe, yes, Gary Nickerson, yes, Mark Moffa, yes, John Stratz, yes, Joe Dudash, yes, Barbara Heffelfinger, yes, Laura Germain, yes. All ayes, motion carried.

Marie Serota asked about the motion for the mid cycle invoices because they did read them the last couple of meetings and it's something she thinks that maybe the auditors might say that it's something they missed. She thinks in the future, that maybe if you don't want to read them, then maybe they should be included along with the voucher. Beverly said she talked to the auditors when this motion came up as a consent item. She did say when it was over, that the chair of the Finance Committee reviewed these invoices and has approved them. That was part of what was discussed with the auditors and they were fine with that. Marie said so you do not have to read them one by one. Beverly said they're part of the agenda and they are part of what council gets to see and the public gets to see on the agenda.

MOTION BY MARK MOFFA TO APPOINT BUILDING INSPECTION UNDERWRITERS INCORPORATED OF PENNSYLVANIA TO SERVE AS THE BUILDING CODE AND ZONING OFFICIALS AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE CURRENT BUILDING CODE AND ZONING OFFICIALS AGREEMENT AND PENDING THE SOLICITORS REVIEW OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE APPOINTEE. SECONDED BY JOHN STRATZ.

Mike Smith, 127 Dehaven Ave., asked if they've had this company before. Barbara said yes. He asked how long ago and she said three to four years. Beverly said it was longer ago. Mike asked if it is Charlie. Barbara said it is his company. Mike said didn't they have problems back then. Barbara said no. Mike said he thinks they did. He asked if someone looked into it. He said Tom is shaking his head. Mike said they did and that's why they got rid of him. Barbara said no it isn't. Mike said to Mark that before he does this, he better check into it. Barbara said they've checked into everything.

Tom Sodano, 126 W. Woodland Ave., said he disagrees with whether or not there were issues with that company and especially with the person that Mike Smith named. Barbara asked Mark if he would like to explain that one. Mark said its public comment and they can voice their concerns. Barbara said if this motion is passed, BIU will be their new zoning and code enforcement. Tom said it's the same company, but he thinks the question that Mike Smith was alluding to is will have the same person or do they have other personnel. Mark said this motion does not yet precisely specify the personnel. There have been discussions in executive session about who the person is but that is not set yet. Joe Dudash said they've tried everybody out there. Mark said for the sake of informing the public, yes, they did try. They went back to all the companies who applied for this position three years ago and council interviewed. They reached out to various other firms who are known in the industry and are well respected and this company was really the only one to present them with an offer. They are also the company that does the vast majority of the municipalities in this area including our neighboring boroughs of Hulmeville and Langhorne Manor. A roll call vote was taken. Beverly Wolfe, no, Gary Nickerson, yes, Mark Moffa, yes, John Stratz, yes, Joe Dudash, yes, Barbara Heffelfinger, yes, Laura Germain, yes. Motion carried 6-1 (Beverly Wolfe).

Persons to be Heard

Tom Sodano, 126 W. Woodland Ave., said that Laura Germain made a comment about some points where there may have been that some of the information wasn't coming through correctly that they may not have been aware of. This evening he could not get anything but the front page of tonight's agenda to come up. Normally he can see the multiple pages and he can print them and they wouldn't do that tonight, so he just wanted to mention it. It's one of the types of things that has intermittently been a problem and it was for him this evening and it's unusual. That was not a normal problem previously. Laura said she hasn't heard of that, but she will check into it. Tom said they mentioned Ted Kristiniak earlier and due to being involved with Ted in the Lion's Club, he has actually seen Ted and spoken to him relatively recently and he just wanted to mention that Ted is stable and hasn't had any major issues in the recent past. On zoning, he understands and appreciates the comments that were made that they reached out to a number of people and there were not a lot of companies interested. He thinks that speaks volumes to not only possibly whether there were or were not major issues with our previous contractor, but with how they as a borough may have handled them. Like all businesses, they talk to each other and if the current contractor on the way out felt they were mistreated, that's the response you're going to get from all the other companies. He had quite a lot of issues with the person that they named and is not going to disparage him any further, but he would have a real problem if that same person were enforcing the zoning codes again. Barbara said they would take that into consideration. Beverly said she's on the borough website and she's got the agenda up and sees all pages. She asked if it is possible that he has a problem with his Acrobat Reader or something. Tom said it is possible. That's why he wanted to mention it because he hasn't had the issue before and since Laura had mentioned that there were some changes and they had run into some problems and didn't know if possibly a change was made or something that he wasn't recognizing or if someone else may have had the problem. Beverly said she just wanted to let him know that she did see it. Tom said after he spoke about it, he tried it again and couldn't bring it up so it's quite possible that he's just not seeing it tonight for some reason.

Mike Sodano, 324 W. Woodland Ave., wanted to know why the calendar on the borough website lists tonight's meeting but there are no links to join the meeting on the calendar nor is there an agenda posted on the calendar. In order to get what he needs to go to the news section which he finds kind of awkward. Laura said putting the agenda on the calendar function is something that doesn't work that well. It actually messes up the functionality of the calendar, so she hasn't been posting it there. She can show it later when they do the tutorial but it's in other places. There's actually an agenda section. She's working with the website company because when she puts images and you take a picture of it but then it gets all blurry and weird. It is something that she is aware of that they haven't been able to fix yet. Again, as they mentioned, it's a work in progress. Mike said is it that she can't post a link to the meeting on the calendar? Mike said if he wants to find out what's going on in the borough he goes to the calendar and he sees the meeting on the calendar, but he doesn't see a link to join the meeting so then he has to go hunting and for some reason it's in news which he guesses its news but it's not where he would look for it. His feeling is that the link should be displayed on the calendar and the agenda is secondary. While Beverly was speaking, he went to the news section and he was unable to bring up the complete agenda either. He just thinks that the link to the meeting itself should be displayed on the calendar.

Jay Moser, 525 Hulmeville Ave., said quite a few borough residents live on state streets and he cannot get it out of his head why the streets were not cleaned. You make us follow borough rules when it comes to re paving and sidewalks and curbs. All the residents on Bellevue Ave. that have a mess did not get the streets swept. They are all taxpaying citizens trying to keep

their properties up and keeping them nice and neat and clean and they can't get them cleaned. John Stratz said the Department of Transportation does not allow them to do anything on the streets. Jay said he thinks he's wrong. They do these streets for the parade so what's the difference. What is the difference when there's a Memorial Day parade and them doing normal street sweeping? Beverly said she agrees with Jay and thinks they should look into it and contact PennDOT because all the streets should be cleaned. Jay said the street sweeper can run up and down the street 100 times if someone wants to pay them. The state doesn't care. Jay said in reference to borough code, what are the proper procedures for approving ordinances. Is that only at a regular meeting? Barbara said this is a regular meeting. Jay said that's not his question. Ben Hauser said normally it is how you advertise a meeting. For the record, they normally advertise the work sessions and council meetings as any lawful business before the board. Jay said so, he's saying as long as it's advertised because he knows borough code follows differently than township code as far as the way things are run. Ben said it's really with any meeting, it's what you have advertised. It's the business before council so you advertise all lawful business. Jay said he has had the same problem for every meeting trying to get the information off the borough site. He can get the agenda, but he has not been able to see a bill yet or an invoice to be paid. He cannot get it printed. He's tried all different browsers and even tried to do it from his work computer and he still can't. He doesn't know what they're all doing wrong or those that are having problems. Barbara said they are having a meeting with the website people. As Laura said, they have a bunch of issues to clear up. This doesn't mean Laura, but she knows in her case, there are some computer people that are so literate in computers that for someone like her they speak so quickly and leave many parts out that it just doesn't register. Jay said he feels her pain. Laura said some of it is probably her. She's not a tech person. They trained her how to do it so there are things that she doesn't know how to do, and she has to go back to them so certainly some of it is still a learning curve for her as well. She tries her best to deal with any problems but it's not what she does. Just be aware that if it's a big request, she has to go to them and they have to tell her how to do it and then she does it. Again, she's learning more every day.

Terry McIntyre, 335 Hulmeville Ave., said they can't get the streets cleaned and they can't get them fixed. As he told everyone several days ago, he contacted PennDOT and got a claim number and they said what dates they'd be out and he never heard anything. Nobody followed up and then Beverly had said she had also. Maybe she can go back with the claim number and find out maybe if there's anything she can do. Hulmeville Ave. is coming apart at the seams, especially on his block and there's potholes you can twist an ankle in right in front of the school. Beverly said she would try again. Terry said like Mr. Moser said, they are all held to the same standards of the other borough streets as far as when there's a project they have to do their curbs and sidewalks yet, they get nothing for that. The borough doesn't clean it or plow it and they can't even get it fixed.

Mike Smith, 127 Dehaven Ave., thanked Carol for giving those numbers. It shows that they are actually getting the I & I down. Carol said she is glad he enjoyed the numbers. He said he is happy with that. Mike said he's been tuning into several zoning hearing board meetings in the past couple weeks. There seems to be a common problem here that a member of the executive board is talking to these people coming in from out of town and it seems like it clouds the issue. This person's name is brought up constantly and he's just wondering why that person would be getting involved in things that they have nothing to do with in this borough. The best way to put it is these people come in here they get a false sense of security and then they end up in front of the zoning hearing board and he is prepared to show that it's going to be the same person next week. They need to look at who's doing stuff and who isn't. The zoning official should be the only one talking to the people, no one else. It creates problems for the borough and it creates

problems for the person who is trying to get the permit. It's just a major problem and they need to stop this person from getting involved. Barbara said she doesn't know what he is saying. Mike said he thinks everybody knows what he's saying. Mark is smiling and knows and so does Joe. Everybody knows but Barbara. Barbara said comment noted.

MOTION BY MARK TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 10:47 P.M. SECONDED BY JOHN STRATZ. A roll call vote was taken. Beverly Wolfe, yes, Gary Nickerson, yes, Mark Moffa, yes, John Stratz, yes, Joe Dudash, yes, Barbara Heffelfinger, yes, Laura Germain, yes. All ayes, motion carried.

Submitted by: _____
Marie Serota, Secretary/Treasurer