

Regular Meeting Minutes
April 11, 2007

In the absence of president Anthony Vono, vice president Thomas DeLuca called the meeting to order. Mr. Vono and Mr. Klugh were excused. Chief Lutz sent another officer to the meeting in his place due to a conflict. Ms. Harker moved to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as typed and was seconded by Mr. Orosz. The motion passed all in favor. A Little/Eckman motion unanimously approved the officers' reports. Correspondence was read including a letter from Chippewa Township requesting the borough's support of a grant for a regional recreational facility.

A motion to move to citizens was made by Mr. Little, seconded by Mr. Eckman and passed all in favor.

Mr. Steven Carter, 901 Rock Avenue requested information on ordinances related to parking on borough streets. We have no ordinance regulating the number of tires on the street, but this is really a police/public safety issue. Mrs. Carter had been told that if the car was parked on the side of the road and all four tires weren't off the road she could be fined. Her neighbor had a planter installed which inhibits them from keeping all four tires off the road and prior to that, the neighbor had completely blocked access to their driveway which is shared between the two properties. There were several questions about what could be done such as the borough vacating the street and allowing them access and the solicitor noted that there are procedures that had to be followed. Since this is a dispute between the two property owners, the borough can't get involved. Mr. DeLuca is going to try to speak with the other neighbor involved to see what can be done and to have the planter moved that is clearly on the Carter property.

Mr. Jim Riggio, representing the West Mayfield Sports parents was present at the borough's request to resolve some issues about the money being collected for shelter rentals as well as discussing the possibility of sharing some of the costs of electricity and water at the park as well as the porta-john and dumpster rentals since the borough pays all of these expenses. Mr. Riggio admitted that he had failed to provide financial reports to the borough and apologized for his oversight. He is willing to work with the borough council in whatever manner they choose. After some discussion, it was decided to leave everything as is, as long as the sports parents association makes regular financial reports to council. Mr. Riggio requested that the porta-john and dumpster be ordered for the start of the baseball season.

Mr. Regis Benden provided letters for the borough from himself and his tenant that no garbage is put out for collection by either of them. Mr. Bovalino reminded Mr. Benden that since he was not willing to pay for garbage collection for the time that he is at home and not traveling, that the letters are really a moot point. The borough cannot provide a waiver for garbage billing if he is not willing to pay for the time he is not traveling.

With no other citizens present, a motion to return to the regular order of business was made by Mr. Little and seconded by Ms. Harker. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Mr. Orosz – none
Ms. Harker – none
Mr. Little – none
Mr. Eckman - none
Mayor - none

Mr. Bovalino reviewed the draft of the curfew ordinance. A warning will be sent to the parents for a first offense. It was decided that the time would be from 10 p.m. until 5 a.m. and the age would be limited to those 17 and under unless accompanied by a legal guardian. Any infractions will be considered a summary offense with fines levied (maximum allowed by law). A motion to authorize Mr. Bovalino to advertise the curfew ordinance and have it prepared for adoption at the May meeting was made by Mr. Eckman and seconded by Mr. Little. The motion passed all in favor.

Mr. Bovalino also discussed a negotiation between the owner of Mayfield Village to have the occupancy permits issued by building rather than by unit to facilitate the sale of said property. The smoke and dye testing was signed off by Mr. Klugh. Because of the sale of the property, no further action will be taken on the name change for Project Road.

Mr. Bovalino also reminded council of the need to adopt a cable franchise. After discussion, Mr. Little moved to adopt a resolution to give the cable franchise for West Mayfield Borough to ComCast but limiting it to cable only, not phone or intranet service. Ms. Harker seconded the motion that passed all in favor.

Council then gave permission to Mr. Lou Adrian to speak since he was unaware that our meeting time had changed from 7 p.m. to 6 p.m. Mr. Adrian discussed a logging issue in White Township that could have impact on the borough due to run off. Mr. Bovalino will meet with the White Township solicitor, Mr. Spratt to discuss the problem and determine if anything can be done.

Mr. DeLuca - none
Mr. Heaton - none
Police – none

New Business

Mr. Orosz reported that the Brook Street project had been completed and that Standard Street and Cross Street had also been paved. There may be an overage charge to the borough for the bridge on Patterson Avenue.

Ms. Harker – none
Mr. Little – none
Mr. Eckman - none

Mayor reminded everyone that surplus food distribution for the borough will take place at the borough building on April 25 from 1 until 4 p.m.

Mr. Bovalino – none

Mr. DeLuca reported that the \$50,000 grant for the truck purchased last year was finally received today. There was also a change in the distribution of the \$50,000 that we originally thought was for sewer repair. \$15,000 is designated for sewer repair, \$10,000 for paving and \$25,000 for the purchase of a police car. This grant money must be spent by June. If we can't spend the \$25,000 designated for the purchase of the police car on our annual fee for contracted services, we will have no choice but to purchase a car. Mrs. Lansberry will compose a letter requesting the transfer of funds toward our annual contract payment. In the event that the request is denied, Mr. Orosz moved to purchase a police car for \$25,000, titled to the borough and was seconded by Mr. Eckman. A roll-call vote passed the motion as follows: Mr. Orosz – yes; Ms. Harker – yes; Mr. Little – yes; Mr. Eckman – yes; and Mr. DeLuca – yes.

Mr. Heaton reported that two new members had been added to the emergency management team. On September 14, 15, and 16, a county-sponsored drill will be held that includes all 13 counties as well as Pittsburgh. West Mayfield has submitted a plan to sponsor a mock disaster that will involve the emergency management team, the fire department, Eastvale and possibly White Township. The event will last approximately 3 to 4 hours.

An Orosz/Little motion for bill payment was approved unanimously.

An Eckman/Harker motion to ratify all purchases made by committees was approved unanimously.

Mr. Eckman moved for adjournment at 7:40 and was seconded by Mr. Orosz. The motion passed all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Lansberry

Regular Meeting Minutes
May 9, 2007

President Anthony Vono called the meeting to order. All members were present with the exception of Ms. Harker who was excused. The solicitor was also unable to attend the meeting but called to report he would not be in attendance. The minutes were approved as typed by a Klugh/Little motion that passed all in favor. A Little/Orosz motion unanimously approved the officer's reports. Correspondence was read including an invitation to the BCBA Spring Dinner Meeting and a notification from COG to purchase defibrillators for borough vehicles at a reduced rate. There was no interest in the purchase because the police department is already equipped. Mr. DeLuca moved to hear the citizens present at the meeting and was seconded by Mr. Eckman. The motion passed all in favor.

Mr. Tomalski was present only to observe.

Mr. Tim Lutz, insurance representative from HA Thomson was present to review the borough's policies prior to renewal. The shelters at the park are listed for much more money than they are worth so Mr. Lutz will go to EMC to request a reduction. Other changes were also discussed – changing the amount of loss for the backhoe to \$20,000 and raising the tools and miscellaneous items to \$8,000. Mr. Lutz also informed the borough that the workmen's comp premium should decrease because of the age of our prior claim.

With no further citizen input, Mr. Klugh moved to return to the regular order of business and was seconded by Mr. DeLuca. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Orosz – none

Mr. Klugh - none

Mr. Little - none

Mr. Eckman – none

Mayor Brozich reported that Mr. DeLuca, Mr. Orosz and Mr. Klugh helped with the surplus food distribution and that food was distributed to 137 residents.

Mr. DeLuca reported that a letter must be sent to resident Wanda Jonas informing her that she will be fined for ordinance violations because of a carport that was constructed on her property. He will contact the solicitor to compose the letter. He also reported a request had been made by Sue Muoio to subdivide a property parcel. County approval must be obtained before any action is taken. The parking lot project is complete and the park is in good shape.

Mr. Vono - none

Chief Lutz reported on the Carter/Stelter property dispute and said that he sees no problem with the location of the planter. He also informed council that one of the Carters had been cited for the removal of surveying stakes. This is a private issue that council cannot become involved with.

Mr. Heaton - none

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Orosz reported that 14 and 15 year olds are joining the junior firemen and that he contacted the insurance regarding what they are allowed to participate in. The insurance company is forwarding a manual but Mr. Lutz noted that they are not permitted to go on fire calls.

Mr. Klugh informed council reported that sewer work is being done. They are inspecting pipes at the former B&W plant and documenting all measurements. There is a \$15,000 limit on spending. Several areas were found with debris and some terra cotta pipe is still in existence with cracks.

Mr. Little – none\

Mr. Eckman reported that he had applied for a grant through WalMart for the park.

Mayor – none

Mr. DeLuca said that there are some issues with changing 2nd Avenue to a one-way street. Chief Lutz expanded on the subject. The street is not legally posted – there needs to be 6 more signs and the magistrate is aware of this. Title 67 PennDot manual traffic study criteria were not met and the letters from the residents of West 3rd Avenue complaining of increased traffic also comes into play. Basically, the one-way needs to be returned to a two-way. If it is to stay as a one-way, it must be done according to PennDot standards. Mr. DeLuca moved to authorize the attorney to determine the legalities involved in returning West 2nd Avenue to a two-way street. Mr. Klugh seconded the motion that passed all in favor.

Mr. DeLuca also reported that Mrs. Jonas has applied for a building permit for an addition to her house. Although we cannot legally deny the permit, he would like to speak with Mr. Bovalino prior to signing off on the permit.

Mr. Vono - none

Chief Lutz – none

Mr. Heaton – none

A motion to pay the borough bills was made by Mr. Orosz, seconded by Mr. Klugh and passed all in favor.

A motion to ratify purchases made by committees was made by Mr. Little, seconded by Mr. Eckman and passed all in favor.

Mr. DeLuca moved for adjournment at 6:50 p.m., seconded by Mr. Little and passed all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia J. Lansberry
Borough Secretary

Regular Meeting Minutes
August 8, 2007

President Anthony Vono called the meeting to order. Mr. Little was excused. The solicitor was absent. Chief Lutz had an emergency at home but sent another officer in his place. The minutes were approved as typed by a Klugh/Harker motion that passed all in favor. An Eckman/Orosz motion unanimously approved the officer's reports. Correspondence was read including the receipt of acceptance of our grant closeout report. All grants have now been officially closed and hopefully this will facilitate the receipt of additional money.

Ms. Harker moved to hear the citizens present at the meeting and was seconded by Mr. Klugh. The motion passed all in favor.

Susan Muoio, 3609 Orchard Street inquired about the status of the ongoing Jonas property complaint. The police are aware of the violations but have been waiting response from the letter the solicitor was to have mailed Mrs. Jonas. Since the solicitor was not present at tonight's meeting, there is no way of knowing if the letter was even sent. Because of the length of time since the complaint was originally heard, the police will send a letter out tomorrow listing the various violations and giving a timeframe to come into compliance with the borough ordinances. Other than that, we can do nothing without legal council.

With no other citizens present, Mr. DeLuca moved to return to the regular order of business, seconded by Mr. Eckman and passed all in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Orosz – none

Mr. Klugh reported that Mr. Orosz's wife had lost her medical insurance and had requested Mrs. Lansberry to look into the cost for adding her to Mr. Orosz's policy with the borough. Mrs. Orosz would pay all costs. Mrs. Lansberry provided the information to Mr. Orosz for consideration.

Ms. Harker – none

Mr. Eckman reported that he had contacted Senator LaValle regarding grants and was informed that all grant applications are now being done on line. He and Mr. DeLuca had a meeting at Representative Altmire's office and were given several websites to use. The federal website requires a Dunn number and Mr. Eckman will register for that number.

Mr. DeLuca said that he is following up on grants for paving, sanitary and storm sewers and the possibilities of park grants.

Mayor Wilttrout - none

Mr. Vono - none

The police are following up with their investigation into the graffiti that's been occurring in the borough.

Mr. Heaton – none

Mr. Vono – none

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Orosz - none

Mr. Klugh - none

Ms. Harker had recently attended a meeting and reported on the Costars – a procurement process to purchase goods and equipment at reasonable prices with no costs involved to the municipality. She also reported that residents are continuing to burn during the week instead of Saturday only. They need to be cited.

Mr. Eckman - none

Mayor Wiltout – none

Mr. DeLuca reported that some repair work had to be done on the truck. He also has a complaint regarding the maintenance at the park. Since baseball season is over, the sports parents have discontinued cutting the grass and that the rest rooms are in bad shape. At an earlier meeting, Mr. Riggio said that the sports parents' organization would take care of all maintenance at the park and that a report on shelter rentals would be given to council on a monthly basis. This has not happened. Mr. Little will be asked to contact Mr. Riggio regarding this.

Police – none

Mr. Heaton reminded council that all municipal employees needed to get their pictures taken for photo ID cards. County services will be taking pictures at the 911 Center in Beaver on Aug. 13th and 27th and on September 10th from 2-8 p.m. A training drill was held with the fire department and went really well.

A motion to pay the borough bills was made by Mr. DeLuca, seconded by Ms. Harker and passed all in favor.

A motion to ratify purchases made by committees was made by Mr. Eckman, seconded by Mr. DeLuca and passed all in favor.

Ms. Harker moved for adjournment at 6:35 p.m., seconded by Mr. Eckman and passed all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia J. Lansberry
Borough Secretary

Regular Meeting Minutes
September 12, 2007

President Anthony Vono called the meeting to order. Mr. Little was excused. The Mayor was absent. The minutes were approved as typed by a Klugh/Eckman motion that passed all in favor. An Orosz/Klugh motion unanimously approved the officer's reports. Correspondence was read including a request from SE Technologies for a letter supporting the proposed Valley Waste facility. Mr. Bovalino will respond. Also received were two signed contracts for DCED Grants in the amount of \$43,000 and \$75,000 to be used for paving. The \$75,000 grant is for PT Alliance project.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Orosz – none

Mr. Klugh requested permission to use the emergency management computer to submit information and reports to DEP. The reports will no longer be accepted any other way. Mr. Heaton had already provided the necessary passwords but will show Mr. Orosz how to access the computer after the meeting. He will also try to access the internet on the borough computer. Mr. Klugh also reported that any paving projects are going to be delayed until the spring because of weather. Salt and anti skid purchased through COG has been purchased at half the cost of last year's purchases from Beaver Falls.

Ms. Harker – none

Mr. Eckman reported that he went on-line to register for a Dunn's number and discovered that the borough was already assigned one.

Mr. DeLuca reported that Wanda Jonas is going to move the carport that has been causing complaints for the past few months. He did not sign-off on the permit application.

Mr. DeLuca also reported that the vendor honored the price quoted last year for the hoist and an additional \$500 for extra reinforcing concrete would be spent. The total amount of the grant is \$12,000.

Mr. Bovalino reported that he also had contacted Mrs. Jonas and explained in detail the ordinance violations and the fines that would be levied if the structure was not moved. He also reviewed the criteria for a building permit application. Mr. Klugh moved to resolve to charge every person engaging in any type of exterior renovations, excavations and construction a fee of \$25 for a building permit application. Mr. Eckman seconded the motion that passed all in favor.

Chief Lutz - none

Mr. Heaton – none

Mr. Vono requested that Mrs. Lansberry put a notice in the paper that burning hours are no longer restricted. The hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 6 a.m. until 6 p.m. There is no open burning and items burned must be placed in a receptacle. He also requested that letters be written to the owner of lots on Craig Street and Ann Street for overgrown brush. The owners will be given 10 days to clean up the property or the borough will do it and the owners will be billed. State representative Marshall did a walk-through of the borough introducing himself to residents. Mr. Vono suggested that he be invited to attend one of our council meetings. Mr. Vono noted that the \$75,000 grant for paving at PTC Alliance was initiated by Mr. Veon.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Orosz reported that he spoke with Frank Riggio and the last shelter-rental is scheduled for this weekend. The dumpster and port-a-john will be removed on October 1. The sports parents

are still not taking care of the grass at the ballpark and a letter will be sent to Mr. Jim Riggio requesting that it be done. Because of all the other work requirements, borough employees can no longer take care of it. Mr. Orosz also brought up the fact that the new ball field constructed as an Eagle Scout project had been named as a memorial field for a deceased sport parent. The sports parents do not own the ball field and therefore have no rights to naming it. If they want to name it, they must request that the borough enact a resolution allowing them to do so. After further discussion, it was decided that a plaque could state "In Memory of...."

Mr. Klugh - none

Ms. Harker reported that the sports parents moved a fence at the new concession stand and there is no longer fire truck access. Part of the fence must be removed. A letter requesting that Ms. Harker be contacted for particulars will be sent.

Mr. Eckman - none

Mr. DeLuca reported that some residents are storing junk and firewood in their front yards and Chief Lutz will send letters asking them to clean up their yards. Mr. Bovalino will amend the ordinance to include brush, trees, etc. with the high grass. He also reported that the borough backhoe is in bad shape. He received a quote from Walsh Equipment in the amount of \$64,000. Funding methods were discussed including applying for a grant and using liquid fuel money. Mrs. Lansberry reminded council that only 20% of the liquid fuel money could be used toward major equipment purchase. The cost of repairs is between five and six thousand dollars. Other financing means will be investigated and if grant money is not available, the backhoe will just have to be repaired. Mr. DeLuca is going to see if \$30,000 of the paving money can be reallocated toward the purchase. We can get \$15,000 as a trade in and that would leave only around \$20,000 that the borough would have to come up with.

Chief Lutz - none

Mr. Heaton reported that the dates to have pictures taken for badges have passed. There is a possibility that new badges will need to be issued in October. Operation Steel Hammer will take place on Friday, September 14 at the Christian School beginning at 1:30. There is a possibility that 37th Street will be shut down during the operation.

Mr. Vono asked for a moment of silence in memory of the lives lost during the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

A motion to pay the borough bills was made by Ms. Harker, seconded by Mr. Orosz and passed all in favor.

A motion to ratify purchases made by committees was made by Mr. Klugh, seconded by Mr. Eckman and passed all in favor.

Mr. Klugh moved for adjournment at 7:00 p.m., seconded by Mr. DeLuca and passed all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia J. Lansberry
Secretary

Regular Meeting Minutes
October 10, 2007

In the absences of President Tony Vono who was injured at work, Vice President Tom DeLuca called the meeting to order. All members were present. Mr. Klugh requested to be excused at 6:30 and Mr. Heaton was on vacation. The minutes were approved as read by a Klugh/Orosz motion that passed all in favor. An Orosz/Eckman motion unanimously approved the officer's reports. Correspondence was read including an invitation to the Beaver County Borough Association dinner on November 3. Any action will be taken under old or new business. A motion to defer from the regular order of business to hear the residents present at the meeting was made by Mr. Eckman, seconded by Mr. Little and passed unanimously.

Mr. Jim Riggio, representing the West Mayfield Sports Parents was present in response to a letter written by council dated 9/15/07. The first issue addressed dealt with lawn maintenance at the ball fields. The parent's organization does maintain the grass on the fields but does not have the manpower to trim around the fences and stands. Mr. DeLuca stated that some type of arrangement has to be made to take care of the trimming because the borough doesn't have the manpower either. There has to be some type of an understanding between the borough and the sports parents. Mr. Klugh said if the borough could get some type of help from the sports parents in the spring, all trimming could be done. The second issue addressed was the removal of part of the fence. Mr. Riggio met with Ms. Harker and removed the necessary fencing to facilitate the entrance and exit for emergency vehicles. The third issue dealt with the naming of the field created by Sean Burke. The sports parents did not name the field but simply procured a plaque in memory of Linda Lopez that was installed on the fence. Mr. DeLuca noted that council appreciates all of the sports parents' efforts. Council wants all of the fields trimmed and neat and suggested that if volunteers could not be found, we would attempt to do something. Mr. Riggio brought up a major issue about parking on the grass. It is clearly posted no parking, so any vehicles parked on the grass will be ticketed. Council acknowledged the need for handicap parking and will put up a couple of signs. An issue with Kip Richeal had already been resolved. Mr. Riggio asked that an additional porta-john be installed near the new concession stand. The roof will be repaired and a line from the bathrooms to the middle field hydrant will be replaced by spring.

Mr. Mike Siegel, 725 Allen Avenue, Monaca and Mr. Chris Callahan, 416 39th Street, Beaver Falls presented a proposal to rewire the pavilion and restrooms at the ball park as a senior project for their vo-tech class. The total cost to the borough for supplies would be approximately \$365. The borough solicitor will contact the school to obtain a waiver for insurance and documentation of the project. He also requested parental consent for the students involved in the project. Mr. Eckman moved to approve the project for rewiring the pavilion and restrooms provided that there is no liability to the borough, that parental consent, and that qualification and documentation of work to be performed is obtained. Ms. Harker seconded the motion that passed all in favor. The work is to be completed by January.

Janet Helbig, 3601 Orchard Street was present to receive information regarding a complaint of a borough resident threatening children. The man has been removed from his residence and is not

permitted by the Housing Authority (building owner) to reside in any of their residences within the borough.

With no other citizens present, a motion to return to the regular order of business was made by Mr. Little, seconded by Mr. Orosz and passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Orosz – none
Ms. Harker – none
Mr. Little - none
Mr. Eckman - none
Mayor Wilttrout - none

Mr. Bovalino responded to a message left by Mrs. Lansberry that the contract for refuse removal needed to be bid out. Since there are no changes requested by the borough, the old specifications can be used. Mrs. Lansberry will advertise for sealed bids and request that all bids be received by 5:00 p.m. on November 14. The bids will be opened at 6:30 at the regularly scheduled meeting on that date. Mrs. Jonas removed the carport that had caused many discussions at past council meetings and all parties are satisfied.

Mr. DeLuca reported that the grant closeout was received and that a new grant application was filled out. The state will e-mail Mrs. Lansberry with a contract number. Mr. DeLuca requested that a letter be sent requesting that the \$30,000 for paving remaining from the \$42,000 grant received be transferred from road construction to equipment maintenance and purchase. The hoist (\$12,000 from the same grant) has been received at a cost of \$11,575 and the remaining amount was used to purchase supplies needed to reinforce the flooring.

Chief Lutz asked the solicitor about the curfew ordinance and they will meet after the meeting to discuss what is needed so that enforcement can begin.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Orosz reported that he had received a letter from the borough insurance carrier documenting unsafe conditions with the wooden playground equipment at the park. The insurance company suggested removal of the equipment. Approval was given to dismantle and remove the equipment from the park. Money will need to be spent to provide a soft surface (such as shredded tire chips) under the swings and other equipment remaining. Trick-or-Treat was set for Wednesday, October 31st from 6 until 7:30 p.m.

Ms. Harker – none
Mr. Little - none
Mr. Eckman requested that the budget workshop meeting be held on Wednesday, October 17 at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Wiltout announced that the borough Christmas Party was scheduled for December 8, 2007 and requested monetary help from council if necessary. Mr. Orosz moved to allot \$200 toward the Christmas Party and was seconded by Mr. Little. The motion passed unanimously. He also asked that council again provide the candy that is distributed by Santa to borough children at Christmas. Mr. Little moved to pay for the candy and was seconded by Mr. Orosz. The motion passed all in favor. The cost of the candy is usually around \$300.00. The fire department is hosting a dinner on December 15 and council members and their spouses are invited. Mr. Wiltout would like replies by December 12 so that he can prepare for the food.

Mr. Bovalino – none

Mr. DeLuca asked the solicitor to make sure that a copy of the resolution to allow for building permit applications for all remodeling projects be given to council. He also asked about amending the borough's ordinance for trash in front yards. After a discussion regarding the legality of such an amendment, he asked that the enforcement of the borough's nuisance ordinance be stepped up.

Mr. Heaton provided Mrs. Lansberry with reports for both old and new business, which were read to council.

A motion to pay the borough bills was made by Ms. Harker, seconded by Mr. Little and passed all in favor.

A motion to ratify purchases made by committees was made by Mr. Eckman, seconded by Mr. Orosz and passed all in favor.

Ms. Harker moved for adjournment at 7:35 p.m., seconded by Mr. Little and passed all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia J. Lansberry
Borough Secretary

Regular Meeting Minutes
November 14, 2007

President Tony Vono called the meeting to order. The solicitor reported that he would not be in attendance. Chief Lutz had a prior commitment and sent another officer to replace him. The minutes were approved as read by a Little/DeLuca motion that passed all in favor. A Harper/Eckman motion unanimously approved the officer's reports. Any action will be taken under old or new business. A motion to defer from the regular order of business to hear the residents present at the meeting was made by Ms. Harker, seconded by Mr. Eckman and passed unanimously.

Christopher Thompson, 3714 W. 6th Avenue was present to request help with a landlord issue. There are problems with sewage, plumbing and mold and he has been unable to reach any agreement with the landlord to correct the problems. The landlord chose to evict him rather than deal with the issues. This is clearly not a borough issue although it will be discussed with the solicitor. A dye test will be performed to see if the sewage is infringing upon the borough's sanitary system.

Janet Helbig, 3601 Orchard Street was present to request permission to hold a dance at the fire department. This is not borough business and will have to be taken directly to the fire department. Mr. Wiltrout told her to attend the department meeting on the second Tuesday of December and submit her request in writing but the department does not carry insurance to cover such functions.

Mr. Heaton, 3612 Knape Street, representing the fire department reported that the fire department is being donated a fire truck. The 1971 LaFrance is in need of repairs that will cost approximately \$20,000. He requested help from the borough in paying for gasoline since the new truck does not run on diesel fuel. Mr. Vono expressed that they could purchase their own gas and indicated that the borough would not help to purchase gasoline. A heated discussion ensued with no decision reached.

With no other citizens present, a motion to return to the regular order of business was made by Mr. DeLuca, seconded by Mr. Eckman and passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Orosz – none

Mr. Klugh - none

Ms. Harker – none

Mr. Little - none

Mr. Eckman reminded council that the preliminary budget required a vote. Mr. Klugh moved to accept the preliminary budget that includes no tax increase for the fiscal year 2008. Mr. Little seconded the motion that passed by roll-call vote as follows: Mr. Orosz – yes, Mr. Klugh – yes, Ms Harker – yes; Mr. Little – yes; Mr. Eckman – yes, Mr. DeLuca - yes; and Mr. Vono – yes.

At 6:30, the sole bid for refuse collection was opened. The cost to borough residents for collection will be \$13.05 per month for the first year, \$13.71 per month for the second year and \$14.40 per month for the third year of the contract. A roll-call vote awarded the bid to Valley Waste services as follows: Mr. Orosz – yes; Mr. Klugh – yes; Ms. Harker – yes; Mr. Little – yes; Mr. Eckman – yes; Mr. DeLuca – yes; and Mr. Vono – no.

Mayor Wiltrot read a letter he received anonymously regarding the removal of the playground equipment at the park and another issue regarding the consideration to purchase of a new backhoe from a grant designated for road repair. After another heated discussion no decision was made but the solicitor will be asked what should be done with the playground equipment.

Mr. DeLuca reported that a letter had been sent to DCED requesting to reallocate the funds and that nothing will be done until a response is received. To date, no response to a letter requesting to change the grant has been received.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Orosz- none
Mr. Klugh - none
Ms. Harker – none
Mr. Little - none
Mr. Eckman - none
Mayor Wiltrot – none
Mr. DeLuca - none

Mr. Vono brought up an issue regarding the theft of money from the fire department's bingo by a department member. That person is now deceased and no proof was ever found to substantiate the charge. Mr. Little reported that a 3-person committee is now in place to oversee bingo finances. Another heated discussion arose with no results.

A motion to pay the borough bills was made by Mr. DeLuca, seconded by Mr. Little and passed all in favor.

A motion to ratify purchases made by committees was made by Mr. Eckman, seconded by Mr. Little and passed all in favor.

Mr. DeLuca moved for adjournment at 7:00 p.m., seconded by Mr. Eckman and passed all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia J. Lansberry
Borough Secretary