

MINUTES
Stroudsburg Borough Council Meeting
Tuesday, June 7, 2016 at 7 p.m.

1. Call Meeting to Order/Roll Call: Council President Weiss called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Borough Manager Cathryn Thomas called roll. Present were President Weiss, Vice-President James Smith, Council Members Joanne Kochanski, Ken Lang, Matt Abell, Mark Connors (arrived at the meeting as indicated) and Patrick Maurath. Also present were Mayor Tarah Probst and Solicitor Joe McDonald.

2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Public Hearing

A. Consideration of a proposed ordinance amending Chapter 15, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, establishing a new handicapped parking space at 507 Fulmer Avenue and also to allow Borough Parking Enforcement Officers to ticket vehicles parked on unapproved areas on private property. Hearing no public comment, a motion was made by Mrs. Kochanski, second by Mr. Smith, to close the public hearing. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Consideration to approve an amendment to Chapter 15, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, establishing a new handicapped parking space at 507 Fulmer Avenue and also to allow Borough Parking Enforcement Officers to ticket vehicles parked on unapproved areas on private property. Motion by Mr. Maurath, second by Mr. Abell, to approve an amendment to Chapter 15, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, establishing a new handicapped parking space at 507 Fulmer Avenue and also to allow Borough Parking Enforcement Officers to ticket vehicles parked on unapproved areas on private property. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Public Input

Mr. Barry Lynch, local business owner of three restaurants downtown, relayed some of his past interactions with the Borough concerning his plans to place stanchions at the outside boundary of the outdoor dining areas of his restaurants. He said he deemed it necessary to have these dividers so his customers would not be bothered by undesirable persons who are frequently present on the sidewalks in the downtown area.

Mr. Lynch said he believed he had all the necessary information from the Borough on what would be compliant with the Borough Code for the stanchions, so he ordered them and put them up to delineate the outdoor dining areas at his restaurants. After having done this, he was notified by Borough Code Enforcement Officer Ron Kimes that what was put in place was not in accordance with the Borough Code. This included that the placement and location was not compliant and also that there were advertising logos printed on the stanchions which constituted a violation of the Borough Sign Ordinance. Mr. Lynch did not agree with Mr. Kimes' Code interpretation and believed the Code did not prohibit the stanchions where they were located and also that the signage is permitted, as there was no specific prohibition in the Code.

Mr. Lynch said that the perception of the business owners in the Borough is that the Council is negative towards the local businesses. This overall sense, in turn has a negative impact on the success of the businesses, including, according to Mr. Lynch, that on a recent weekend when the big NASCAR race was happening in the area, very few race fans were seen patronizing the downtown Stroudsburg businesses, which in the past many more of those tourists came downtown to shop and eat on race weekend.

Mayor Probst said that many of the downtown businesses are nice properties, including the look of the sidewalk dining when Mr. Lynch had his stanchions in place, which she also agreed was necessary so the vagrants don't harass the business customers. She said she favors the barricades and the signage on them.

Mr. Connors arrived at this time.

Mrs. Kochanski reported that there is a meeting of the Codes Committee scheduled for tomorrow and that this item is on the agenda for discussion.

A resident, Ms. Tiracchia, said she favors Rite Aid putting a new building on lower Main Street. Ms. Linda Schwartz agreed, and said that this redevelopment could serve as an anchor for other redevelopment to occur in the area. Another resident, Racheal Cohen, said she opposed the Rite Aid development and said instead that the Borough should be concentrating on how to provide more affordable housing.

Tyler Day commended Councilperson Smith for attending a meeting of the Monroe County Homeless Advisory Board and suggested it would be positive to have Borough Council representation at these meetings on a regular basis.

Motion by Mrs. Kochanski, second by Mr. Smith, to close public input. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Approval of Council Meeting Minutes: May 17, 20, 27 and 31, 2016: Motion by Mrs. Kochanski, second by Mr. Smith, to approve the minutes of May 17, 20, 27 and 31, 2016. Motion passed unanimously, with Mr. McDonald noting a correction needed for the day of the week on which one of the special meetings took place.

Old Business

6. Representatives from the Street 2 Feet organization address to Council concerning the homeless population: Leslie Perryman and Mark Ruf from Street 2 Feet spoke about the work their organization does, providing services and resources to the area homeless population. They noted that there are places where beds are available for homeless persons to sleep, however there are not enough beds in the area to serve the entire homeless population. Ms. Perryman and Mr. Ruf provided some statistics on the services provided since their organization opened up in 2014.

They said they understood concerns expressed by persons being harassed on the street and approached by persons panhandling, however they pointed out that persons engaging in those activities are not necessarily homeless. Mayor Probst countered that there are persons out there threatening and harassing people and she is certain that the same persons doing this are homeless persons.

Councilperson Smith noted that he lives in South Stroudsburg where homeless persons can be witnessed walking through the neighborhoods. He said, however, that it is important to have a general understanding that there are varying degrees of homelessness and then there are also persons who have mental health issues.

7. Consideration to approve the sale of a piece of Borough-owned property which fronts on McConnell Street, which sale may be subject to conditions set by the Council.

Mr. Eric Koopman said that he is a staff member who provides support services to the Monroe County Planning Commission and that that body had previously reviewed the Rite Aid development proposal and provided many comments on the proposed project. He cautioned the Borough Council that they should not accept the standard, cookie cutter building design which Rite Aid had proposed. He said that this area should be developed with mixed uses, suggesting that instead of the one-story retail store that the Borough could ask for development of a store which would include a second story where residents could live in apartments. Mr. Koopman said this current proposal does not follow along with the Borough's Comprehensive Plan.

Ms. Kate Durso, representing the developer, noted that the design of the building has been significantly upgraded in response to several requests by the Borough. These elements include a stone building with faux

windows in the back and the overall parcel developed around the perimeter with landscaping, benches and decorative lights to give the development the feel that it blends in and fits in with the neighborhood.

Mrs. Kochanski responded to the comment about the Borough's Comprehensive Plan, noting that the current version was completed some time ago and is in need of updating. She noted that many changes have occurred in the Borough since that plan was finalized. Mrs. Kochanski said she did not think that the Borough's plan should be used as a tool against the Borough in considering this development proposal. Mr. Nate Sauers, a colleague of Mr. Koopman, refuted the last statement by Councilperson Kochanski and said that this was not the case, of using the Borough's plan against it and also that the County is not anti-development.

Mr. Brian Victory inquired about the impact the Rite Aid/Walgreen's merger might have on this project, noting that he would not want this built and then abandoned in a relatively short time. He cited a statistic that there might be as many as 4,000 "zombie" (closed/abandoned) Rite Aid stores nationwide resulting from the merger. Ms. Durso said that those discussions have been had with representatives from the Rite Aid Corporation and that the merger would have no bearing on the proposal to relocate the Stroudsburg Rite Aid store.

Ms. Mary Ann Kowalyshyn said much of what is being discussed is off-topic as far as the single item concerning whether or not the Borough Council might approve going forward with selling Borough-owned property. She said that there are many steps left in the approval process after the sale possibly occurs and many of the items raised at this time can be fully explored during the process moving forward.

Councilperson Connors commented that while everyone agrees the Borough is in need of development, the exact nature of development is important and what is really needed is higher density development which brings in more tax revenue. He said it is unknown if there are any other developers who might propose something different for this site and that the first "suitor" (i.e., Rite Aid) may not be the best. Mr. Connors distributed a list of nine projects either already developed, or with the potential for development in the near future, all of which show the vibrancy of the Borough and that many developers are willing to commit millions here.

Councilperson Kochanski said she needed to disclose that she works as a subcontractor for Kathleen Lockwood who owns one of the properties which would be sold for the Rite Aid development if it is approved. She specified that she would receive no funds from the sale of that property.

Solicitor McDonald said he had looked into the ethics of this matter concerning Councilperson Kochanski and that she would not be required to recuse herself from voting on this matter as she has no direct interest in the sale transaction for the Lockwood property.

Councilperson Smith said he was concerned that the Council members just earlier in the day had received the final draft of the proposed resolution to put the property out for bid for sale and that perhaps more time is needed for full consideration of the matter.

Mayor Probst reviewed the list from Councilperson Connors and refuted the conclusions he had drawn concerning developers investing in the Borough. Mayor Probst continued that she could not believe that there is opposition to the Rite Aid proposal – that there is no need to stall and that the developer has been working along with the Borough, incorporating suggestions from the Borough into their plan, when they could have stuck with something much more basic for the site and building design.

Councilperson Abell said that it is important for the Borough to review a traffic plan for this proposed development. He noted that normally 200 feet is needed between an intersection and a driveway entrance to a commercial property, however in this case there is only 60 feet. Mr. Abell said he was not opposed to the development, however he did have safety concerns as this is a gateway to the Borough and that often there are cars speeding on this section of roadway. He said he would also like to see a pedestrian safety plan for the entire area. Mr. Abell said he would like to have all these issues resolved before this project moves forward. He said

he is looking for a good plan which addresses vehicular and pedestrian safety, however the variances being requested for the project indicate that these issues are not priorities for the developer.

Council President Weiss said that many of the traffic issues are governed by PennDOT and permits will need to be obtained from that State agency by the developer – and that PennDOT may even require a traffic study in order to issue a permit.

Councilperson Connors said he agreed with Councilperson Smith, that the Council members need more time to consider this fully.

Solicitor McDonald read the proposed resolution so everyone would know the details contained in that document. Councilperson Smith noted that the Borough Council retained the right to reject any and all bids, in which case the Borough would retain ownership of the property, if that is what the majority of the Council decided.

Motion by Councilperson Smith, seconded by Councilperson Maurath, to approve advertising for bids to sell Borough-owned property on McConnell Street, as follows:

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stroudsburg owns a property fronting on McConnell Street, tax parcel number 18730119609358, (the “Borough Property”), and

WHEREAS, the Borough Property serves a public purpose providing a parallel common access road to McConnell Street for several adjoining tax parcels, and

WHEREAS, a development company proposes to purchase all properties adjoining the Borough Property, raze the buildings on those properties, consolidate the lots and pursue a plan to develop a Rite Aid retail store, and

WHEREAS, in order for the development proposal to move forward in the approval process, the development company needs to purchase the Borough Property, and

WHEREAS, the PA Borough Code authorizes sale of the Borough Property, subject to compliance with State law, which provides for the following:

- the property must be appraised; and
- sale of the property must be conducted by either utilizing a sealed bid process or a public auction process, and

WHEREAS, the Borough received an appraisal for this property, conducted by a qualified appraiser.

NOW, THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED, that the Stroudsburg Borough Council authorizes the Borough Manager to solicit sealed bids for the purchase and sale of the Borough Property subject to the following covenants and conditions:

- 1) Stroudsburg Borough Council reserves the right to reject any and all bids.
- 2) The successful bidder shall submit to the Borough a complete, final land development plan for the consolidated parcels, including the Borough Property, within one year of the Borough Council’s awarding of the bid.
- 3) Should the Borough Council award a bid, the Borough Council reserves sole discretion to defer delivery of its deed until it signs the final land development plan.
- 4) The Borough’s deed shall include a right of reverter or other covenant or condition subsequent whereby the successful bidder forfeits title back to the Borough if the approved development plan is abandoned.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Councilperson Connors said the conditions contained in the resolution were inadequate and ill-considered. He said a condition should be added that a traffic study would be required. Mr. McDonald said that a traffic study may be required in the approval process for the project, independent of the property sale.

Councilperson Abell said that the resolution does not address the design elements which have been shown by the developer and how they have been enhanced since the initial proposal was presented. He said that there are no assurances that they will do what they have claimed. He also cautioned that once the property is sold, the Council may be limited in its ability to reject a land development proposal. Mr. McDonald said that Item No. 3 in the resolution does give the Borough Council the option to withhold the deed to the property until they are satisfied.

Vote on Motion: Councilpersons Smith, Maurath, Kochanski and Weiss voted aye.
Councilpersons Lang, Abell and Connors voted nay. Motion passes: 4-3.

8. Ms. Shari Chambers appeared before the Council with an impassioned plea to have a historical marker honoring Colored and Native American soldiers who served in the Civil War and were from the Stroudsburg area placed in the Borough right-of-way in front of the Little Bethel Church on Third Street.

Motion by Councilperson Abell, seconded by Councilperson Smith, approving the placement of a historical marker honoring Colored and Native American soldiers who served in the Civil War and were from the Stroudsburg area placed in the Borough right-of-way in front of the Little Bethel Church on Third Street, provided that the marker can be placed on Borough property and that such placement has the Borough in continuous compliance with the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) concerning the proper width of the sidewalk in this location, with Borough Public Works Director Brian Bond making the appropriate measurements, and that this motion and resolution supersedes all others in relationship to the placement of this marker.

9. Consideration of a request from the General Contractor Nu Cor for the Fire Hall Renovation Project for reconsideration by the Council of the decision not to pay a change order for added rental time for dehumidifiers: Motion by Mr. Smith, second by Mr. Lang, to decline reconsideration of the request by the Nu Cor company for approval of a change order for the Fire Hall Renovation Project for added rental time for dehumidifiers. Motion passed unanimously.

10. Consideration for the Borough Council to send letters, as drafted and suggested by Councilperson Connors, to members of the Planning Commission and Zoning Hearing Board: Motion by Councilperson Abell, seconded by Councilperson Smith, to send letters, as drafted and suggested by Councilperson Connors, to members of the Planning Commission and Zoning Hearing Board. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business

11. Representatives from UGI address to Council concerning the movement of gas meters to the exterior of buildings.

Mr. Chris Brown and Mr. Ed Boden from the UGI company provided information to the Council on moving gas meters outside of buildings in the Borough. Mr. Brown provided a history of this matter, noting that in 2011 the State Public Utility Commission (PUC) passed the rule requiring that meters be moved to the exterior of buildings. After passage, it took three years for all the details to be finalized. He said some of those details include the following:

- Customers must be given notification 30 days in advance of when the gas company proposes to move a meter.

- There are some exceptions to the requirement for a meter to be moved concerning historic buildings – that is those on in a local historic area or on the Federal Register.

Mr. Brown reported that UGI has been able to resolve many issues, working with property owners, moving meters outside where they can be hidden and in some cases even painted to mask their appearance.

Councilperson Abell asked who decided where the meter is moved outside a building. Mr. Brown said that the utility has the discretion to decide the best location and they have various installers working for them, however UGI is responsible for overseeing all this work.

Councilperson Abell asked what the Borough could do concerning this process going on within the community. For instance, some of the meters which are in the historic district which have been moved outside are in the front of buildings, which is not something the Borough Council would choose, if given an option.

Mr. Brown said that if UGI is provided a list of these instances, then they could review it and see if there are any workable alternatives that would be more palatable to all concerned.

12. Discussion of ideas proposed by the Mayor to increase police presence downtown, including:

- having SARPD part-time officers patrol the downtown;
- having one or more full-time SARPD officers patrol downtown;
- establishing, outfitting and training a volunteer police force to patrol downtown;
- establishing a SARPD Downtown Stroudsburg Substation – where patrols could be based and provide direct coverage downtown;
- explore the feasibility and perform a cost analysis of Stroudsburg leaving the SARPD organization and reestablishing its own local Stroudsburg Police Department.

Mayor Probst said she is not raising the above issues as a means of bashing the police, but there simply are not enough police on the regional force to provide the needed services to downtown Stroudsburg. She said that too much is paid in overtime to the current force. She said that something needs to be done for the downtown business owners.

She said that in other area communities, such as Wilkes Barre, citizens are cited for cursing in public. That is compared to Stroudsburg where panhandlers harass downtown patrons and drug deals are conducted in the open. She said the solution is to have police on foot patrol on the street in downtown Stroudsburg 24/7. She said that the Borough could arrange to use constables for this service and it would only cost \$35/hour. She said she also wanted the question answered as to how much it would cost the Borough to get out of the regional department and revert to Stroudsburg having its own police force.

Councilperson Smith said he reviewed a recent letter from the Stroud Area Regional Police Commission Chair, which included a letter from a few years ago from the full Police Commission, on the required process for bringing issues from the Borough up to the Commission – that a resolution from the Council is needed. Mr. Smith said he did not agree with that and rather believed that any Council member should be able to make such a request without a vote of the Council. He further stated that with the money the Borough pays to the regional department, that should include the service of having full-time police coverage in our Borough at all times.

Councilperson Kochanski said that the focus of the discussion so far has been on downtown Stroudsburg, however that the Borough is much more than just the downtown – and that the Borough has police coverage throughout its many areas at all times.

County District Attorney and Borough resident David Christine commented that he agrees there is a need for more police presence in the Borough, but achieving that can be a matter of available resources. He cautioned,

however, that some ideas about using forces made up of persons who are not Act 120 certified (i.e., fully-trained police professionals) that this would be a potential hazard and liability for the Borough.

Mayor Probst countered that in nearby Easton, the local regular police work in concert with an auxiliary police force.

Councilperson Maurath asked if the State Police could not be enlisted to help this situation. Mr. Christine responded that they do not have the resources to provide that level of local coverage and would have very long response times compared with the current regional department.

Motion by Councilperson Abell, seconded by Councilperson Smith, to request the Stroud Area Regional Police Commission to discuss the following issues related to Stroudsburg:

- having SARPD part-time officers patrol the downtown;
- having one or more full-time SARPD officers patrol downtown;
- establishing a SARPD Downtown Stroudsburg Substation – where patrols could be based and provide direct coverage downtown.

Motion carried 6-1, with all voting aye, except for Councilperson Maurath who voted nay.

Mr. Rich Berkowitz commented that he has noticed more police on patrol in the downtown this past week. SARPD Captain Lyon said that this is part of their normal routine, using Quality of Life Patrols when the weather gets warmer.

13. Consideration of a proposal from RKR Hess to perform an inflow and infiltration study, with an estimated cost range of \$19,000 to \$22,000: Motion by Councilperson Smith, seconded by Councilperson Abell, to enter into an agreement with RKR Hess to perform an inflow and infiltration study, with an estimated cost range of \$19,000 to \$22,000. Motion passed unanimously.

14. Consideration to appoint Ronald Kimes as the Borough Building Code Official: Motion by Councilperson Lang, seconded by Councilperson Abell, approving the appointment of Ronald Kimes as the Borough Building Code Official. Motion passed unanimously.

15. Consideration to appoint Ronald Kimes as the Building Inspector member of the Historic Architectural Review Board: Motion by Councilperson Abell, seconded by Councilperson Smith, approving the appointment of Ronald Kimes as the Building Inspector member of the Historic Architectural Review Board. Motion passed unanimously.

16. Consideration to amend the Fixed Asset Capitalization Policy, increasing the minimum amount for an item to be enumerated on the fixed asset list from \$1,000 to \$5,000 per single unit acquisition, with the effective date of such policy to be retroactive to January 1, 2015: Motion by Councilperson Kochanski, seconded by Councilperson Abell, amending the Fixed Asset Capitalization Policy, increasing the minimum amount for an item to be enumerated on the fixed asset list from \$1,000 to \$5,000 per single unit acquisition, with the effective date of such policy to be retroactive to January 1, 2015. Motion passed unanimously.

17. Solicitor's Report:

Mr. McDonald reported that the developers of the Shanti House proposal on Main Street have requested to discuss settling this case prior to the matter going to court, which the matter is slated to be before the court in one segment of a proceeding on June 21st. It was the consensus of Council that a previous settlement offer from the Borough was considered fair and the Borough would consider settling on those terms. Rather than a settlement meeting, if the Shanti House developers had a new proposal for settlement for the Council to consider, they could put that in writing and provide it to the Solicitor.

Mr. McDonald reported on the Ray Price license agreement for an encroachment on Borough-owned property, that the Borough proposal for said agreement was not acceptable to Mr. Price. He said that this is an outstanding issue which will need further work among the attorneys to reach a resolution.

18. Mayor's Report – The first concert of the new summer concert series was last week and was a great success.

19. Council Member Reports

Councilperson Kochanski said she will soon get together with DPW Director Brian Bond to do the street light survey – seeing where lights are out but more importantly, where there are dark spots which could benefit from new lights being added and installed.

Councilperson Smith complimented DPW Director Brian Bond and his crews for the fine job they did painting the pool house and pump house at the Borough pool.

Councilperson Smith reported he has made progress on selecting bike racks for the downtown area and provided pictures. He reported that 14 or 15 are planned to be purchased and those costs could be covered by the Mattioli Fund. Borough DPW crews will do the installation.

Councilperson Smith reported that Jody Singer of the Origins Gallery and the Pocono Arts Council did a nice job getting kids at the Thursday concert to participate in coloring on the street. He suggested that a Thank You letter be sent to Mr. Singer on behalf of the Borough Council.

Councilperson Lang expressed concerns that Council meetings are too long and for the time spent not enough is being accomplished. Therefore, he expressed his interest in taking over as Council President.

Motion by Councilperson Abell, seconded by Councilperson Kochanski, to elect Councilperson Lang as a new Council President for the Borough Council.

Councilperson Weiss said that meetings may have been shorter in the past, however discussion was curtailed. He said he believes people should be heard and even though the meetings go longer, they allow for public participation.

Councilperson Abell said that his concern is with the Committee assignments which are decided by the Council President. He said that some Council members are underutilized and that the committee assignments are not equitable.

Council President Weiss said those committee assignment decisions he has made have been based on the backgrounds and historic knowledge of Council members.

Mayor Probst asked if it was proper procedure, for the Council to vote on a new Council President when Mr. Weiss has only been serving five or six months.

Solicitor McDonald said that no one has proprietary interest in holding the Council President seat.

Ms. Erica McCabe said that in her 11 years living in the Borough she had not seen a Council President who works like Mr. Weiss – out on Main Street every day, speaking and interacting with the residents and businesspeople. She said that she did not believe that Mr. Lang had the right temperament to hold the position of Council President.

Vote on Motion: Councilpersons Kochanski, Lang, Abell and Connors voted aye.
Councilpersons Smith, Maurath and Weiss voted nay. Motion passes: 4-3.

Mayor Probst and Councilperson Weiss left the meeting at this time.

Councilperson Connors noted that representatives from the Barry Issett firm were present to introduce themselves. They will be working as the third party inspection firm, performing most building, etc. inspections in the Borough. Motion by Councilperson Connors, seconded by Councilperson Smith, reaffirming the Borough entering into an agreement with Barry Issett & Associates to perform third-party inspections in the Borough under the Uniform Construction Code. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilperson Connors gave a report of the Personnel Committee and also commended DPW Director Brian Bond on his approach to drafting an ordinance to govern panhandling. Motion by Councilperson Connors, seconded by Councilperson Abell, directing the Solicitor and staff to work together on a workable proposal to address panhandling in the Borough and have it presented to the Council for review. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilperson Maurath said on the topic of panhandling, that persons should be discouraged from giving money to the panhandlers, and that perhaps appropriate signs in the windows of the merchants downtown could help. It was also suggested that cards could be provided for persons to hand to the panhandlers in lieu of giving them money, with information about services persons in need could contact in the area. Councilperson Maurath is going to draft up some signs and cards for review by the Council.

20. Manager's Report

The Manager reported that in the past the Borough had paid the solicitor for the Zoning Hearing Board (ZHB) a flat fee of \$300 per month, whether or not any work was required for any month or if a meeting was held or cancelled. This is contrary to how the solicitor for the Planning Commission is paid and that is on an hourly basis for the actual time worked and currently the rate for that attorney is \$150 per hour. The ZHB needs to advertise for a new solicitor and needs guidance from the Council on the compensation issues. Motion by Councilperson Connors, seconded by Councilperson Abell, to pay the Solicitor for the Zoning Hearing Board an hourly rate of about \$150 per hour. Motion passed unanimously

The Manager reported that in the near future the DPW Department will pave the Borough Hall parking lot, with the Fire Hall renovation project completed. The Borough shares the driveway to the parking lot at the back of the building with the neighboring property, where there is also a small area of the neighboring property where tenants for that property can park. The neighboring property owner asked about their parking area being paved when the Borough paved its lot. For the duration of the renovation project, the neighbors (the property owner and the tenants) have been very accommodating to the Borough – allowing their parking area to be used for storage of materials and staging for the project. While normally the Borough would not perform any work on a private property, it was suggested that in exchange for all the use the Borough had of the neighboring private property that it would be reasonable to reciprocate and perform the paving for the neighbor, which is estimated at a cost range of \$700 to \$1,000. Motion by Councilperson Abell, seconded by Councilperson Kochanski, to enter into an agreement with the property owner neighboring the Borough Municipal Building/Fire Hall, that in consideration for the Borough having used, over an extended period of time, a portion of the neighboring property for staging and storing equipment and materials during the Fire Hall Renovation Project, that the Borough agrees to pave the parking area of the neighboring property (a few spaces) which adjoins the much bigger project of repaving the entire Borough Municipal Building parking lot and driveway, at an estimated cost range of \$700 to \$1,000. Councilperson Smith said he did not believe it was proper for the Borough to perform any work on private property. Motion passed 4-2, with Councilpersons Smith and Maurath voting nay.

21. Approval of Bills on Warrant 160607: Motion by Councilperson Kochanski, seconded by Councilperson Abell, approving payment of the bills on Warrant 160607. Motion passed unanimously.

22. Executive Session: Motion by Councilperson Connors, seconded by Councilperson Smith, to enter into Executive Session at 10:21 p.m. to discuss personnel matters. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Councilperson Connors, seconded by Councilperson Smith, to adjourn the Executive Session and resume the open session at 10:45 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

In the Executive Session, personnel matters were discussed and no decisions were made.

23. Adjournment: Motion by Councilperson Kochanski, seconded by Councilperson Smith, to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Approved:

Ken Lang, President of Council

Attest:

Cathryn Thomas, Borough Manager/Secretary