

**Call to Order:**

The regular scheduled meeting of December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009 was called to order by Ms. McCarthy at 6:00 p.m. Members present were: Mr. Vandzura, Mr. Slanoc, Mrs. Chobany, Mr. Wozniak, and Mayor Fox. Also present were Robert Koban-Borough Manager, and Michelle Claar-Secretary.

Jeremy Portash from the Dispatch was also present.

**Paying of Bills:**

The bills were distributed prior to the meeting. Mr. Wozniak motioned, seconded by Mr. Slanoc to approve paying the bills. The bills listed totaled \$4,272.01.

**Unfinished Business:**

Council reviewed the 2010 compensation plan for setting the wage rates for uniform and non-uniform employees. Mr. Vandzura motioned, seconded by Mr. Wozniak to approve Ordinance 8-2009 setting the 2010 Compensation Plan and setting the wages for uniform and non-uniform employees, motion carried 6-0.

Council reviewed the 2010 tax millage as presented in the proposed budgeted at 17 mills total. The general purpose mills increased 3.5 mills for a total general purpose millage at 16.5 mills. The fire protection is 0.5 mills for a total millage in 2010 at 17 mills. Mr. Vandzura motioned, seconded by Mr. Slanoc to approve Ordinance 9-2009 setting the 2010 millage at 17 mills, motion carried 6-0.

Council reviewed the 2010 operating budget for the general fund, solid waste, and state liquid fuels. The General Fund is a balanced budget in the amount of \$517,853.00; the Solid Waste is balanced in the amount of \$151,017.00; and the State Liquid Fuels is balanced in the amount of \$ 96,011.00. Mr. Slanoc motioned, seconded by Mr. Vandzura to approve Ordinance 10-2009 adopting the 2010 operating budget for the General Fund, Solid Waste, and State Liquid Fuels funds, motion carried 6-0. Mr. Koban encouraged Council to read the budget message in its entirety.

The Water Authority agreement for billing services on the garbage collection for a three year period from January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2012 was presented to Council. Mrs. Chobany motioned, seconded by Mayor Fox to approve resolution 9-2009 by entering into an agreement with the Portage Municipal Authority for billing services relating to garbage collection for a three year period from January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2012, motion carried 6-0.

The garbage collection rates for a three year period were presented to Council in accordance with the three year garbage contract with Pro Disposal. Mr. Wozniak motioned, seconded by Mrs. Chobany to approve resolution 10-2009 setting the garbage

collection rates for a three year term from January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2012, motion carried 6-0. The fee schedule for garbage collection is as follows:

Curb side service monthly at \$13.85 per month or \$41.55 per quarter  
Prepaid bags (pack of ten) at \$30.00 per pack

A discussion was held on a member of council to serve on the steering committee regarding a water authority project as requested by Mr. Cadwallader at the December 7<sup>th</sup> regular meeting. Mrs. Chobany motioned, seconded by Mr. Slanoc to appoint Mr. Kissell to serve as a member on the steering committee for a water project, motion carried 6-0.

Somerset County Building Inspections submitted a yearly renewal agreement for the administration of the PA Uniform Construction Codes and Inspections. Mr. Vandzura motioned, seconded by Mr. Slanoc to approve the renewal contract for the administration of the PA Uniform Construction Codes and Inspections for 2010, motion carried 6-0.

**Additional agenda item:**

Mr. Koban informed Council that he was advised of the Americorp position that is now available at a part time status from the previous resignation of Mr. Thompson. Mr. Koban commented that the position will only be replacing the vacant spot from January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2010 through August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012. The Boroughs and Townships will not have to expend any additional funds to re-fill the position and an ad will have to be placed for interviewing of candidates if Council decided to move forward with the project. Mr. Koban also commented the funds were already committed in 2009. Mr. Koban advised that the Emergency Management Plan is between 80-90% complete and if the position was to be filled, the remainder of the plan can be accomplished along with the GIS and park procedures. Mr. Wozniak motioned, seconded by Mr. Slanoc to proceed with advertising and interviewing of candidates to fill the Americorp position, motion carried 6-0.

**Good of the Borough:**

Mr. Vandzura commended the Public Works Department and Mr. Slanoc for their participation and efforts in making the WinterFest a success. Ms. McCarthy also commended the borough staff and Mr. Portash of the Dispatch for his efforts and articles.

Mayor Fox motioned, seconded by Mr. Wozniak to go into executive session for personnel issues, motion carried 6-0. Mayor Fox motioned, seconded by Mrs. Chobany to go out of executive session, motion carried 6-0. Mr. Wozniak motioned, seconded by Mrs. Chobany to go into the regular meeting, motion carried.

**Adjournment:**

Mrs. Chobany motioned, seconded by Mayor Fox to adjourn, motion carried 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.