

Minutes  
Council Meeting  
April 8, 2008

- I. A regular scheduled meeting of the Borough Council was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by President Edward M. Mitchell. The meeting was held in the Upland Municipal Building.
  - A. Present were: President Edward M. Mitchell and Vice President Christine Peterson. Present were Council members Mrs. Sandy Miazza, Ms. Moira Crawford, Mr. Lee Hunter and Mr. Dennis Walls. Mr. Charles Catania, Sr. P.E., Mr. Robert O'Connor, Esquire, Mayor Michael Ciach, and Mrs. Shirley Purcival, Borough Manager Treasurer/Secretary were present. Mrs. Georgianna Cassidy-Hicks was absent.
  - B. Approximately twenty residents attended the meeting.
- II. The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was lead by President Edward M. Mitchell. The Pledge was followed by a moment of silence.
- III. Moment of Silence
- IV. President Mitchell asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the Council Meetings of March 11, 2008 and March 25, 2008.

Mrs. Peterson stated that a correction needs to be made to the meeting minutes of March 25, 2008, page #12. The Auburn Village rent amounts for a one bedroom should be corrected to \$315.00 per month and the rent for a two bedroom should be corrected to \$385.00.

President Mitchell stated that the Minutes of March 25, 2008 stand corrected.

Mrs. Peterson made a motion to accept the minutes of the meeting of March 11, 2008 and March 25, 2008. Mrs. Miazza seconded the motion. Council unanimously voted aye on the motion.

Mrs. Peterson made a motion to accept the corrected minutes of the meeting of March 25, 2008. Mrs. Miazza seconded the motion. Council unanimously voted aye on the motion.

V. Treasurer/Manager's Report - Mrs. Shirley Purcival

Mr. Walls made a motion to accept the Treasurer/Manager's Report. Mr. Hunter seconded the motion. Council unanimously voted aye on the motion.

Mrs. Miazza made a motion to accept the Income Statements. Mr. Walls seconded the motion. Council unanimously voted aye on the motion.

Mr. Walls made a motion to accept the Manager's Report. Mrs. Miazza seconded the motion. Council unanimously voted aye on the motion.

VI. Auburn Village Report - Mr. Dennis Walls

Mr. Walls stated, progress.

VII. Public Safety - Mr. Leland Hunter

Mr. Hunter stated that Officer Matthew Rustark was instrumental in the capture of a rape suspect that lived on JFK Drive, who allegedly raped a woman who lives on Main Street. Officer Rustark saw a composite of the suspect and ran the person through his computer to compare pictures. An arrest has been made.

Mr. Hunter stated that one new officer has started working.

Mr. Hunter stated that the police car that was damaged has been repaired and is back in service.

Mr. Hunter stated that Training Officer, Chuck Love and Officer Curran went to the UCR Seminar in Skippack, Pa.

Mr. Hunter stated that they want to buy ID badges for the children. Mr. Hunter offered a motion to spend up to three hundred dollars (\$300.00) on the supplies, which is seconded by Mr. Walls. Council unanimously voted aye on the motion.

VIII. Fire Chief Report - Mr. Dan Smith

President Mitchell stated that Mr. Dan Smith had a previous engagement and had to leave, however, he submitted his report to the Borough Manager. President Mitchell asks the council members if they have had a chance to review the report.

Mrs. Miazza offered a motion to accept the Fire Chief's report, which was seconded by Mr. Hunter. Council unanimously voted aye on the motion.

IX. Building and Grounds - Mrs. Sandra Miazza

Mrs. Miazza stated the diamond-tex was delivered today on the ballfield.

X. Finance and Insurance Report - Ms. Moira Crawford

Ms. Crawford stated the invoices for approval from the General Fund were in the amount of \$53,990.89. Ms. Crawford offered a motion for approval of payment of these invoices, which is seconded by Mr. Walls. Council unanimously voted aye on the motion.

Ms. Crawford stated the invoices for approval for the Auburn Village were in the amount of \$11,582.00. Ms. Crawford offered a motion for approval of payment of these invoices, which is seconded by Mrs. Peterson. Council unanimously voted aye on the motion.

XI. Ordinances and Resolutions - Mrs. Georgianna Hicks

President Mitchell stated that Mrs. Hicks is not present due to illness in the family. President Mitchell asks the Borough Manager, Mrs. Purcival to read Resolution #14 of 2008.

Mrs. Purcival reads Resolution #14 of 2008 in its entirety.

Mrs. Miazza offered a motion to adopt Resolution #14 of 2008 - Workplace Safety Committee Appointments of Christine Peterson, Vice President, Shirley Purcival, Borough Manager, Charles Boyd, Highway Foreman and George German, Highway Personnel, which is seconded by Mr. Hunter. Council unanimously voted aye on the motion.

President Mitchell asks the Borough Manager, Mrs. Purcival to read Resolution #15 of 2008.

Mrs. Purcival addresses council stating the Commonwealth has just passed an amendment to the Right to Know. We have had the Right to Know Ordinance in effect as Resolution #4 of 2005. We now have to amend that and send this to the Commonwealth.

Mrs. Purcival reads Resolution #15 of 2008 in its entirety.

Mrs. Peterson offered a motion to adopt Resolution # 15 of 2008, which is seconded by Mr. Hunter. Council unanimously voted aye on the motion.

XII. Research and Development Report - Mrs. Georgianna Hicks

President Mitchell stated that Mrs. Hicks is not available to present any information on this committee.

### XIII. Streets and Equipment Report - Mrs. Christine Peterson

Mrs. Peterson stated the Highway Department is beginning to work on cleaning up the graffiti throughout the town and they will be on the lookout over the summer months when the children are out of school.

Mrs. Peterson requests a motion to advertise for grass cutting services contract so we can look into getting the larger areas contracted out. The details will be worked out by the Borough Manager.

Mrs. Peterson offered a motion to advertise for grass cutting services, which is seconded by Mr. Hunter. Council unanimously voted aye on the motion.

President Mitchell asks Mrs. Peterson how the areas to be cut will be determined.

Mrs. Peterson responds that the smaller areas will be done by the Highway Department and the larger areas like the ballpark will be contracted out.

### XIV. Community Affairs Report - Mrs. Sandra Miazza

Mrs. Miazza offers a motion to transfer five hundred dollars (\$500.00) into the Community Event Fund, which is seconded by both Mrs. Peterson and Mr. Walls. Council unanimously voted aye on the motion.

Mrs. Miazza stated on April 19<sup>th</sup> we're going to have an ID Program at 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at McQueen Hall for all children to get identification badges.

Mrs. Miazza stated on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, there will be a clean-up day at the Pusey House between 8:00 a.m. and 8:30 a.m.

Mrs. Miazza stated on May 17<sup>th</sup> there will be a clean-up day between 8:00 a.m. and 12 noon.

Mrs. Miazza stated on May 26<sup>th</sup> there will be a Memorial Day Parade and a picnic in the park after starting at 11:00 a.m. Everything will be free.

Mrs. Miazza stated on June 21<sup>st</sup> there will be a flea market in Bristol Lord Field. The cost is \$20.00 per spot and it will start at 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Mrs. Peterson asks what the identification cards will be used for.

Mrs. Miazza responds the identification badges for any events that the children come to upstairs. The first card will be free, and if they lose it, the others will be \$5.00. Their parents must fill out the information.

XV. Use and Occupancy Report - Mrs. Shirley Purcival

Mrs. Purcival stated there were ten inspections that passed and there were two units that failed the inspection and one received a temporary Use and Occupancy Certificate this month. A total of \$1,155.00 was deposited into the General Fund for U & O Inspections.

President Mitchell stated to Mayor Ciach that on behalf of Council we have seen a vast improvement in the Police Department over the last three months. One of the things that we can really appreciate is the fact that how quick our department tagged team with the county to handle the situation on JFK Drive. The Borough Manager reported that the woman involved in the incident has been released from the hospital. Your officers deserve an add-a-boy and are doing an excellent job.

Mayor Ciach responds that will be reflected in the June meeting when the awards/commendations are going to be coming out.

XVI. Mayor's Report - Mr. Michael Ciach

Mayor Ciach stated that he prepared two written police reports. One is the standard police report. Total Citations for the month : 107 Total of Citation fines - \$9,170.00. Borough's share is \$4585.00. There were 33 parking tickets issued. The amount received from DJ Court was \$2285.75. There were a total of 299 calls answered with 16 total assists.

Mayor Ciach stated he would like to draw Council's attention to the running totals in the Mayor's Report. As of the end of the month of March, you'll see the year to date numbers to the far left and they are astonishing. The Safe Driver Program is definitely taking off and the officers are being responsive and doing their job.

Mayor Ciach stated that the policy book is going to be prepared and then to the insurance company for review. There is an updated policy book going to them to update the Borough's police policies and procedures. I should have that hopefully in approval back from the insurance company to bring to the council next month. I'll get a copy to everyone.

Mayor Ciach stated that is all he has for council this evening.

XVII. Solicitor's Report - Mr. Robert O'Conner

Mr. O'Conner stated the progress on the Verizon Cable Franchise Agreement. As you heard earlier during the caucus meeting, we've received a draft of that and reviewed that with council for Verizon and right now we're just waiting for a receipt of a cleaned up copy with several corrections and so forth. Hopefully I'll have it by tomorrow.

Mr. O'Conner stated the Auditor letter was forwarded to the Borough Manager concerning litigation matters.

Mr. O'Conner stated he has looked at the review of procedures for the handling of drug forfeiture money.

Mr. O'Conner stated he has talked with the Borough Manager with a brief opinion with regard to the use of the Highway Department to make repairs to structures within the borough that need repair.

President Mitchell asked Mr. O'Conner when will Verizon have a corrected agreement.

Mr. O'Conner stated he spoke with them several times on Friday. We made corrections and changes and he had told me that a copy would be forthcoming today or tomorrow.

President Mitchell stated that council should hold off on any ratification of the agreement until we receive a final copy.

#### XVIII. Engineer's Report - Mr. Charles Catania, Sr.

Mr. Catania stated that he will have the reports on the two items mentioned last month.

President Mitchell stated to the public the next report is something new. We asked Mr. Kamp, who is our school board director representing Upland with the Chester Upland School District to come and give us an update because Mrs. Geraghty in the audience had a few questions at the last council meeting, however, Mr. Kamp is not present this evening.

#### XIX. Chester Upland School District Report - Mr. Kamp

Mr. Kamp is not present.

#### XX. Old Business

President Mitchell asks if there is any Old Business? No one responded.

#### XXI. New Business

Mr. Hunter offered a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Peterson to cancel the 2<sup>nd</sup> council meeting of the month. Council unanimously voted aye on the motion.

#### XXII. Floor Open to the Public

President Mitchell asks that anyone wanting to speak, please come to the podium and address the microphone and state your name and address. It's becoming very difficult to hear what is being asked. We'd like to have a relaxed atmosphere at the meeting, however, we just can't do it. People are talking from the back of the room and it prevents us to pick up your comments on the tape. Please address the microphone if you wish to speak.

Janice Geraghty - 1016 Church Street

Mrs. Geraghty asks if a decision was made on the halfway house.

President Mitchell responded: No, it is still in litigation.

No one else addressed Council.

There being no other business before the Council, President Mitchell requested a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Walls offered a motion, which is seconded by Mrs. Miazza to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. Council unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Purcival  
Borough Manager/Secretary/Treasurer

Virginia M. Sentyz  
Recording Secretary