

**Hughesville Borough  
Council Minutes**

**December 8, 2008 – 7:00, PM**

**Council members and staff present** – Frederick Newhart, Jeffrey Berger, Robert Carichner, Robert Simmons, Mayor Frank Welsh, J. Howard Langdon, Dale Cahn, Dolores Moyer, Chief Shearer and Diane Senseman

The regular meeting of the Hughesville Borough Council was called to order by Council President Fritz Newhart, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Guests and Visitors:** Dave Heiney, Walter Reed, Andy Mook, Alissa Eaton (Sun Gazette), Gary Papay – Clock relocation sketches, Michael Gross

**Approve Agenda:** December 8, 2008; Bob Carichner moved, seconded by Jeff Berger. Motion passed,

**Approve Minutes:** November 10, 2008; Bob Carichner moved, seconded by Jeff Berger. Berger noted a correction to the Water Authority’s accounts payable \$59,241.25. Motion passed

- **Solicitor’s Report:** J. Howard Langdon reviewed proposed Ordinance 1 of 2009 - Farm Animals. Bob Carichner moved, seconded by Jeff Berger. Motion passed first reading. Reviewed progress of repairs to the Nevel property. Coakley complaint of fence in Elm Alley. Letter written to Coakley and neighbor stating that a councilman volunteered equipment to move fence back. Borough will not pay for a survey to settle property disputes.

**Police Report:** Attachment. Chief Shearer – VASCAR training for part-time officers will be held at Borough on Thursday, December 11, 2008 in Council Chambers.

**Mayor’s Report:** Frank Welsh – A number of residents are complaining about cats/dogs; he doesn’t want his officers picking up animals and taking them to the SPCA. The SPCA won’t pick up animals.

**Emergency Management Report:** Frank Welsh

**Public Works Report:** Dale Cahn reported that the backhoe they are using is unsafe. Caterpillar has a 3 year lease/purchase on state contract. Council gave permission to test drive; if it meets requirements the Borough and Authority will split the cost 50/50. Third pump station should be ready to open by late January - early February.

**Water Report:** Jeff Berger

**Zoning Report:** Code Inspections Inc.

**East Lycoming Recreation Authority:** Minutes available

**Hughesville-Wolf Authority:** Minutes available

<b>Treasurer’s Report:</b>	General Fund - Check# 6090 - 6124	\$ 70,633.53
	Payroll - Direct Deposit	\$ 28,546.60
	ACH Debits	\$ 10,194.27
	Water Fund - Check# 704 - 724	\$ 43,010.92
	Liquid Fuels -	
	Capital Fund -	

Bob Carichner moved, seconded by Jeff Berger. Motion passed.

**Borough Secretary:** Dee Moyer – 2007 Performance Report River Valley Transit  
**Resolution 8 of 2008** -The closing of Spruce Alley (Water St. entrance) during Route 118/405 Project. Bob Carichner moved, seconded by Jeff Berger. Motion passed.  
Purchase of used gun cabinet to be used as a safe. The mayor volunteered to inspect.

Councilwoman Cindy Shaner submitted a letter of resignation in Ward# 1. Bob Carichner moved to accept, seconded by Bob Simmons. Motion passed

**Business: (old)**

- **Ordinance 3 of 2008** Regulating the Keeping of Poultry. Bob Carichner moved, seconded by Bob Simmons. Motion passed.  
Roll Call: Carichner – Y; Berger – Y; Simmons – Y; Newhart - Y
- **Resolution 7 of 2008** Officer Michael Gray Act 120 Training Program. Bob Carichner moved, seconded by Jeff Berger. Motion passed.  
The Borough will pay 40% of his \$14.30 hourly wage while attending the academy; officer is obligated to commit to a 3 year agreement with the Borough unless the Borough chooses to terminate. Training is approximately 785 hours, costing the Borough \$4,490.00.
- Nevel property complaint letter. Anonymous.

**(new)**

- Conditional Use Applications:
  - Dr. Gross – Family Practice, convert to apartment
  - Murray Motors (McCormick’s old dealership)Council sees no reason to have a Conditional Use Hearing; will not affect the Borough zoning in any adverse way.
- Appoint Board Member to the Hughesville-Wolf Authority effective 1/14/2009; term 5 years. Jeff Berger moved to appoint Dave Myers, seconded by Bob Simmons. Motion passed.
- Federal grant for stop signs; Dale Cahn said list is completed and returned to PennDot.
- EMA News & Views copy available
- EMS information session
- Letter from Vietnam War Post# 51 stating that they decided to move their monument to Picture Rocks Borough.
- 2009 Budget. Bob Carichner moved to have a Special Council Meeting 12/22/2008 (later changed to 12/29/2008 because of advertising) for a final adoption at 6:00 PM, seconded by Bob Simmons. Motion passed.
- \$25.00 gift certificates were approved for employees and volunteers for Xmas lighting. Cost is \$325.00. Jeff Berger moved, seconded by Bob Carichner. Motion passed.

**Committee Reports:**

**WATER** – Carichner/Berger

**FINANCE** – vacant

**STREETS** – Eddy/Berger

**PUBLIC SAFETY** – Bob Carichner  
spoke briefly about pigeon trapping  
quotes that have come in so far.

**PROPERTIES** – vacant

**PERSONNEL** – Eddy/Carichner

**Closed Session- 9:45 PM:** Jeff Berger moved to discuss a personnel issue, seconded by Bob Carichner. Motion passed.

**Open Session - 9:55 PM:** Jeff Berger moved, seconded by Bob Carichner. Motion passed

**Adjournment: 9:55 PM.** Jeff Berger moved, seconded by Bob Carichner. Motion passed