

Hughesville Borough

Council Minutes

November 10, 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: Ray Spotts, Alissa Eaton – Sun-Gazette, Ed/Deb Myers, Barb Haldeman, Shirley Newcomer, Edna Myers, Jeannette Shires, Andy Mook, Steve Stiger, Dan Dorman, Christy Phillips.

Debra Myers said that she thinks the signs were switched on corner of W. Water and Broad St. Council believes it may be a Halloween prank and the signs will be corrected by Borough staff.

Ray Spotts and Christy Phillips expressed opinions about limiting agricultural experiences for childrens 4-H Clubs by the pending Ordinance 3 of 2008.

Tom Hall (PennDot) discussed land acquisition from FNB to be used for the Route 118/405 project. Fritz Newhart signed Wavier Rights documentation.

Approve Agenda: November 10, 2008, Jeff Berger moved, seconded by Bob Carichner. Motion passed.

Approve Minutes: October 13, 2008, Jeff Berger moved, seconded by Bob Simmons. Motion passed.

Solicitor's Report: J. Howard Langdon reviewed **Ordinance 3 of 2008**, Raising chickens, birds etc.; will advertise in the Williamsport Sun-Gazette and council vote will take place next meeting. Nevel property has made some property improvements. Bi-County Office of the Aging offered some services but was declined by Mrs. Nevel.

Police Report: Chief Shearer

Mayor's Report: Frank Welsh said he would like to sell the previous radios used by the department as well as the old light bars etc from the old cruisers but Council needs to establish that they are worth less than \$1,000.00 in order for us to depose of without a bid process. Jeff Berger moved, seconded by Bob Simmons. Motion passed.

Emergency Management Report: Frank Welsh, laptop computer police department and Borough's share. Bob Carichner moved to except the Borough share of \$405.00, seconded by Jeff Berger. Motion passed.

Public Works Report: Dale Cahn said additional milling work was done by HRI, Inc. on Seconded Street because the Oil Index dropped lower than it was when the COG bids were opened.

Water Report: Bill Senseman installed the breaker box at the new pump station so they wouldn't have to wait for PPL Utilities. Electrical bid for DK Controls - \$65,000.00 and Process Controls Solution - \$48,270.00 (didn't include transfer switch). Solicitors Langdon and Hess reviewed and went with the lowest bid anyway. The switch will cost an additional \$9,000.00. Jeff Berger moved to accept, seconded by Bob Carichner. Motion passed. There was discussion on Gas Lease and also the selling of water to drilling companies. Purchase of equipment and depreciation.

Replace pump at Station 102 - \$8,800.00 (estimate). Bob Carichner moved to get additional quotes, seconded by Jeff Berger. Motion passed.

Zoning Report: Code Inspections, Inc. report attached

East Lycoming Recreation Authority: Request copy of minutes

Hughesville-Wolf Authority: Request copy of minutes

Treasurer's Report:	General Fund - Check# 6078 – 6092	\$13,304.28
	Payroll - Direct Deposit	27,789.75
	ACH Debits/Transfers	13,991.89
	Water Fund - Check# 682 – 703	49,241.25
	Liquid Fuels -	
	Capital Fund -	

Bob Carichner moved to pay bills, seconded by Jeff Berger. Motion passed. Hold the checks for Murray Motors.

Borough Secretary: Dee Moyer made a request (Mark Armstrong) in writing expressing his interest in purchasing a small tract of land from the "Old Library" property.

Business:

- Recognize the efforts of the Hughesville Volunteer Fire Department
 - FIRST Place Fire Prevention Central District (25 counties)
 - THIRD Place Fire Prevention State Fireman's Association (1,700 departments participating)
 - CHIEF: Steve Stiger PRESIDENT: Dan Dorman
- Bid opening for the old police cruiser: David Wommer bid \$975.50 for 2001 Ford Crown Victoria; no other bids received; Bob Carichner moved to accept bid, seconded by Bob Simmons. Motion passed.
- Approve Lindsay & Hager for 2008 Annual Report; Jeff Berger moved, seconded by Bob Carichner. Motion passed.
- DEP sewage planning
- RJ Hall PSA rate increased from \$600.00 (2005) to \$750.00. Bob Carichner moved, seconded by Jeff Berger. Motion passed.
- Fire Department would like to be involved with the parade permits in the future before they are approved by PennDot.
- Bob Carichner spoke about the growing pigeon problem; he will be meeting with several exterminators.

Committee Reports:

WATER – Carichner/Berger **FINANCE** – Shaner/Vacant **STREETS** – Eddy/Berger
PUBLIC SAFETY – Carichner/Eddy **PROPERTIES** – Shaner/Vacant **PERSONNEL** – Eddy/Carichner

Adjournment: 9:45 PM
 Bob Carichner moved.