

**Hughesville Borough  
Council Minutes**

**March 9, 2009 – 7:00, PM**

**Council members and staff present** – Frederick Newhart, H. Thomas Eddy, Jeffrey Berger, Robert Carichner, Barry Hess, Brian Lambert, Mayor Frank Welsh, J. Howard Langdon, Dale Cahn, Dolores Moyer, Chief Shearer and Diane Senseman

\*\*\* **Note the following:** Mayor Welsh and Chief Shearer will not attend meeting until approximately 8:30 PM because of a School District Meeting at the same time.

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:** Jill Perry, Brian Lambert, Ray Spotts, Beth Spotts, Shawna Turner (Sun-Gazette), Andy Mook, George McGarvey

**Approve Agenda:** March 9, 2009, Jeff Berger moved, seconded by Barry Hess. Motion passed.

**Approve Minutes:** February 9, 2009, Jeff Berger moved, seconded by Bob Carichner. Motion passed.

**Solicitor’s Report:** J. Howard Langdon said that he was going to request a closed session at the end of the meeting regarding the agreement with Daye Construction, said that there would not be a vote at the end of the meeting. He did not receive a report from Code Inspections regarding the Nevel property. The Mausteller hearing took place although Mausteller did not show up. Oil and gas leases – GFI no longer interested in talking with us; Lone Star is and Chief still are interested.

**Police Report:** Chief Shearer. Need to purchase 4 radio batteries and 2 for EMS. Tom moved, seconded by Bob Carichner. Motion passed. Officer Hockman is back on the schedule; asked Solicitor if residences are limited to a number of parking spaces.

**Mayor’s Report:** Frank Welsh said that the Bodine Park dugout roof is in bad shape; school offered to provide the labor if the Borough buys the materials; school will also be responsible for porta potties. See below for approval. Discussion on possible parking changes; Chief Sutton (Muncy Borough) was instrumental in getting a grant for police tazers; we will receive 3 to 5 for our department.

**Emergency Management Report:** Frank Welsh

**Public Works Report:** Dale Cahn said it will cost \$104 hr for the street sweeper this spring; discussion on micro-surfacing several streets.

**Water Report:** Jeff Berger asked tree trimming; Carichner said that his committee will do a drive around and send letters to property owners. Clean-up Days will be April 27 – 28; will accept brush placed near the curb; also branches less than 6 inches in diameter can be chipped. Equipment will be rented by Borough. Updates to Borough Website will require purchasing new programs; discussion of an “open house” for the new Pump Station; the effectiveness of the Water Co and Sewer Authority in shutting off services to delinquent accounts.

**Zoning Report:** Code Inspections Inc.

**East Lycoming Recreation Authority:** Request copy of minutes

**Hughesville-Wolf Authority:** Request copy of minutes

<b>Treasurer’s Report:</b>	General Fund - Check# 6205 – 6226	\$ 11,173.83
	Payroll - Direct Deposit	\$ 24,511.42
	ACH Debits	\$ 8,722.08
	Water Fund - Check# 767 – 793	\$ 88,175.01

Bob Carichner moved, seconded by Tom Eddy. Motion passed

**Borough Secretary:** Dee Moyer

**Business:**

- Appoint Councilman to Ward# 2  
Barry Hess nominated Jullian Perry, seconded by Tom Eddy.  
Bob Carichner nominated Brian Lambert, seconded by Jeff Berger.  
Result: vote 3-2 in favor of Brian Lambert
- Discussion International Property Code - Tabled
- School proposal on Park Dugout. The school will furnish the labor if the Borough buys the materials. Barry Hess moved, seconded by Tom Eddy. Motion passed.
- Limit number of parking spaces or vehicles per property owner (not an apartment complex). Tabled
- Letter from EXCO – North Coast Energy, Inc
- River Valley Transit Invitation
- Approval of agreement with the Hughesville Volunteer Fire Co. for fire and medical services; also 2008 Response Report. Barry Hess moved to accept agreement, seconded by Bob Carichner. Motion passed
- Resignation of Dave Poust, - Hughesville-Wolf Authority, Jeff Berger moved, seconded by Bob Carichner. Motion passed.
- Nomination of Jerry Kilgus to Hughesville-Wolf Authority by Barry Hess, seconded by Tom Eddy. Motion passed.

**Committee Reports:**

**WATER** – Vacant/Berger

**FINANCE** – Vacant/Carichner

**STREETS** –Hess/Berger

**PUBLIC SAFETY** – Carichner/Eddy

**PROPERTIES** – Carichner/Hess

**PERSONNEL** – Eddy/Vacant

**Closed session called by Mayor Welsh**

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

**Adjournment:** 9:30 PM Bob Carichner moved, seconded by Barry Hess. Motion passed.