

Hughesville Borough Council Minutes

September 14, 2009 – 7:00, PM

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

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: Scott Reeser, Bob Simmons, Lynn Treese

Jeff Bower (East Lycoming Recreation) gave an update on what the Authority has been doing this past summer and a copy of the 2008 Audit; also asked Council to consider an additional contribution for 2010.

Andy Mook asked if Council was going to enforce the Ordinance on tree trimming; he said it's difficult for him to move his camper without it getting scratched because limbs are so long. Council Committee said they will be doing a drive around inspection shortly.

Charles/Mary Stutzman, expressed concern over the Rte 405/118 Project and how the water overrun may affect their mother's back yard. Barry Hess said that the Borough was making provisions to hopefully eliminate any problems by contracting additional work with Don Bower Inc. (see below)

Approve Agenda: September 14, 2009, Bob Carichner moved, seconded by Tom Eddy. Motion passed.

Approve Minutes: August 10, 2009, Barry Hess moved, seconded by Tom Eddy. Motion passed.

Solicitor's Report: J. Howard Langdon reported that the Nevel Family has made major improvements to their property since last letter was sent to them; asked council if they want to pursue further action. Mayor stated that they may have made progress this one time but it does not mean they can become lax and ignore the other property violations.

Police Report: Chief Shearer said that a 5th radio was approved for purchase by the DA's office. They will pay for the radio.

Mayor's Report: Frank Welsh presented a 5 year Police Contract., Bob Carichner moved, seconded by Tom Eddy. Motion passed 4-1. Hess voted no. When a member of the audience asked the solicitor about his opinion of the contract; Langdon stated that this was the first time he looked at it and that his opinion wasn't necessary.

The Mayor said that the 2003 Explorer broke down again and would like Council to consider trading in the vehicle because of the constant breakdowns; he proposed a 2002 Dodge Ram 1500 truck to replace it, cost will be less than \$10,000 and we can purchase an extended warranty for another 60,000 miles. The truck now has 49,000 miles; total cost of the truck and extended warranty will be \$11,123.48. The truck will be used for tractor trailer stops and the fines should more than pay for the vehicle. Council President Frederick Newhart and the Borough Secretary will sign for the loan. Bob Carichner moved to accept, seconded by Tom Eddy. Motion passed.

Public Works Report: Dale Cahn, Booth Construction started to clean and pave areas previously approved by Council. UGI started to repair "Street Cut" areas.

Water Report: Attached July minutes. Replace a meter reader and 60 meters, cost \$13,000.00 will not require a bid because it is patterned equipment. Purchase from L/B Water Service Inc. Tom Eddy moved, seconded by Barry Hess. Motion passed.

Liquid Engineering will do the water tank inspection for \$2,570.00. Bob Carichner moved, seconded by Tom Eddy. Motion passed.

Resolution 7 of 2009 - Supplementation and Clarification of the Water Rate Resolution of 2004, Barry Hess moved, seconded by Tom Eddy. Motion passed.

Resolution 8 of 2009 - Adopting EDU Computation, Barry Hess moved, seconded by Tom Eddy. Motion passed.

Zoning Report: Code Inspections Inc. attached

East Lycoming Recreation Authority: Request copy of minutes

Hughesville-Wolf Authority: Request copy of minutes

Treasurer's Report:

General Fund - Check# 6399-6439	\$ 24,557.68
Payroll - Direct Deposit	\$ 28,985.00
ACH Debits	\$ 9,493.61

Barry Hess moved, seconded by Tom Eddy. Motion passed.

Borough Secretary: Dee Moyer, adjustment to invoices that have a Borough service charge added; Council will not adjust. Rotary plans to purchase new Christmas wreaths or swags over the next 2 years for the downtown area, they will probably pay for about half the cost which is about \$10,000.00. The Downtown Association has agreed to pay at least \$1,000.00. Council will consider making a contribution toward the cost at budget time.

Business:

- **Ordinance 4 of 2009** Approval of Police Pension Plan. Tom Eddy moved, seconded by Bob Carichner. Motion passed.
- **Ordinance 5 of 2009** Property Maintenance Code. Bob Carichner moved, seconded by Barry Hess. Motion passed.
- **Ordinance 6 of 2009** Outdoor Furnaces. Amendment to sections of previous Ordinance. Barry Hess moved, seconded by Tom Eddy. Motion passed.
- Halloween Trick or Treating will be October 31, 2009 from 6:00 – 8:00 PM. Bob Carichner Moved, seconded by Barry Hess. Motion passed.
- Approval of amesite and topsoil for corner Route 118 & 405 at the cost \$4,600.00, work to be done By the road contractor, Don Bower, Inc. Barry Hess moved, seconded by Bob Carichner. Motion passed.
- 2010 Minimum obligation for Police Pension \$17,771.00 and Non-Uniform Pension \$63,840.00. Tom Eddy moved, seconded by Brian Lambert. Motion passed.
- Letter to EXCO stating that we will not renew agreement with them.
- EMA News & Views – request copy
- Rate change for Officer Aldenderfer @ \$14.87 effective to his starting date.

Council goes into a Closed Session to discuss personnel matters.

10:03 PM, resume Open Session, Bob Carichner moved, seconded by Tom Eddy. Motion passed.

Adjournment: 10:05 PM

Bob Carichner moved, seconded by Tom Eddy. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Dolores Moyer
Borough Secretary