

Borough Council  
Regular Meeting – October 20, 2011

**Call to Order** – Mr. Farley called the regular meeting of the Borough Council to order at 6:00pm and Mr. Daly offered the prayer and led the pledge of allegiance. Mr. Farley announced that the Borough Council met in executive session prior to the meeting to discuss personnel and litigation issues.

**Roll Call** – The following members of the Borough Council were present; Mr. Cerutti, Mr. Daly, Mr. Dydynski, Mr. Flick, Mr. Hickey, and Mr. Farley. Also present; Mayor Thomas, Mr. Jarrett, Borough Manager, and Attorney Foster, Borough Solicitor. Excused: Mr. Osmun.

**Approval of the Minutes** – The minutes of the regular September Council meeting will stand as presented.

**Citizens to be Heard** – The following individuals addressed the Borough Council;

- Gary Talada, 106 West Lockhart Street, Apt. 3, Sayre asked the Borough Council to have the police department enforce the speed limit on North Lehigh Avenue before someone is hit by a car. Mayor Thomas stated that he would discuss the issue at the next Police Committee meeting.
- Shelly Northrup, 118 Francis Street, Sayre asked about the status of the Borough's oil and gas ordinance. Mr. Cerutti explained that the Administration Committee reviewed the latest version of the ordinance at their meeting earlier in the month and asked Attorney Foster to do additional research and provide the revisions to the ordinance prior to the Committee's November meeting.
- The following individuals addressed the Borough Council regarding their concerns with the Borough's decision to not provide dumpsters to flooded properties on the Eastside;
  - ✚ Daniel Polinski, 524 Stevenson Street
  - ✚ Jeanie Loomis, 112 North East Street
  - ✚ David Covey, 102 Garden Street

The Borough Council instructed Mr. Jarrett to coordinate the placement of dumpsters on the Eastside and to have the piles of debris picked-up.

- Howard Edger, 105 ½ South East Street asked the Borough Council to consider his request to utilize Borough owned property on South East Street for the placement of a FEMA trailer for his use. Mr. Farley explained that the request was forwarded to the Borough Solicitor for review.
- Robert Dydynski, 410 South Elmer Avenue, expressed concern with the concrete barriers that were placed along River Street in Athens Borough. Mr. Dydynski stated that the concrete barriers could result in more flooding for Sayre and especially the Valley Joint Sewer plant if the river rises again. Mr. Dydynski asked the Borough Council to contact the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers regarding the barriers.

**Finance Report** - The finance report for October 2011 was accepted and filed for audit.

**Bills List** – A motion was made by Mr. Cerutti and seconded by Mr. Hickey to approve the bills list as presented. **Under the question:** There were no questions or comments. **Roll Call: Mr. Cerutti, Mr. Daly, Mr. Dydynski, Mr. Flick, Mr. Hickey, and Mr. Farley; YES. Mr. Osmun; Excused. Motion Carries.**

**Correspondence Report** – There were no questions regarding the monthly correspondence report.

**Appointed and Elected Officials Reports:**

- ✚ Borough Manager’s Report – Mr. Jarrett reviewed the issues included in his report and provided updates on the various projects currently underway.
- ✚ CDBG Coordinator – Mr. Jarrett announced that the Borough received the contract from PA-DCED for the \$250,000 grant for the Hoover/Bradford/Draper Infrastructure Project. Mr. Farley commended Mr. Jarrett for his efforts to secure the grant.
- ✚ Fire Chief Report – There were no questions of the Chief’s report.
- ✚ Police Chief – There were no questions of the Chief’s report.
- ✚ Code Enforcement – There were no questions of the Code Officer’s report.
- ✚ Solicitor Report – Attorney Foster explained that the Ahmed Bankruptcy is near settlement and the Borough will receive the funds owed from the UDAG loan received by Dr. Ahmed.
- ✚ Mayor’s Report – Mayor Thomas commended the Sayre Little League for their efforts to clean-up the baseball fields in Riverfront Park. Mayor Thomas explained that the League was helped by more than 70 employees from the Williams Auto Group.
- ✚ President’s Report – Mr. Farley stated bids were approved for the Valley Joint Sewer Plant upgrade and the Borough’s share of the project is more than \$9 million. Mr. Farley explained that when the project is completed the electrical system will be located so that it cannot be damaged if the plant is flooded again.

**Vote to adopt Resolution 2011-14 requesting the Borough’s 2011 Community Development Block Grant Entitlement in the amount of \$108,081.** A motion was made by Mr. Daly and seconded by Mr. Flick to adopt the Resolution. **Under the question:** There were no questions. **Motion Carries.**

**Vote to approve the Guarantee Agreement for Borough’s portion of the Valley Joint Sewer Plant Upgrade Project.** A motion was made by Mr. Cerutti and seconded by Mr. Daly to approve the Guarantee Agreement. **Under the question:** Mr. Dydynski stated that the Borough should look at the current operation agreement and address how the Authority can transfer capacity without permission from the municipalities. Mr. Farley explained that the issue has not been raised and that the Borough and its representatives on the Authority would oppose any move to transfer capacity. **Roll Call: Mr. Cerutti, Mr. Daly, Mr. Flick, Mr. Hickey, and Mr. Farley; YES. Mr. Dydynski; NO. Mr. Osmun; Excused. Motion Carries.**

**Vote to adopt the Ordinance authorizing the refinancing of the Borough’s 2010 General Obligation Notes.** A motion was made by Mr. Hickey and seconded by Mr. Daly to adopt the Ordinance authorizing the refinancing of the Borough’s 2010 General Obligation Notes. **Under the question:** There were no questions or comments. **Roll Call: Mr. Cerutti, Mr. Daly, Mr. Dydynski, Mr. Flick, Mr. Hickey, and Mr. Farley; YES. Mr. Osmun; Excused. Motion Carries.**

**Vote to adopt the Ordinance vacating the unopened alleyway between North Lehigh Avenue and North Elmer Avenue and Bradford Street and the Stroehmann Bakery Parking Lot.** A motion was made by Mr. Flick and seconded by Mr. Cerutti to adopt the Ordinance. **Under the question:** There were no questions or comments. **Roll Call: Mr. Cerutti, Mr. Daly, Mr. Dydynski, Mr. Flick, Mr. Hickey, and Mr. Farley; YES. Mr. Osmun Excused. Motion Carries.**

**Vote to waive the fee for building permits for residences to repair damages caused by the September 2011 flood.** A motion was made by Mr. Dydynski and seconded by Mr. Flick to waive building permit fees. **Under the question:** Mr. Farley clarified that property owners must still apply for the permits even though the fee will be waived. **Roll Call: Mr. Cerutti, Mr. Daly, Mr. Dydynski, Mr. Flick, Mr. Hickey, and Mr. Farley; YES. Mr. Osmun Excused. Motion Carries.**

**Vote to waive the quarterly sewer and refuse fees for residences affected by the September 2011 Flood for the billing periods during July 2011 through March 2012.** A motion was made by Mr. Dydynski and seconded by Mr. Daly to waive the quarterly sewer and refuse fees. **Under the question:** Mr. Farley clarified that the fees are being waived for homes that cannot be lived in as a result of the flood. **Roll Call: Mr. Cerutti, Mr. Daly, Mr. Dydynski, Mr. Flick, Mr. Hickey, and Mr. Farley; YES. Mr. Osmun Excused. Motion Carries.**

### **Committee Reports**

- ✚ Public Works - Mr. Osmun was excused from the meeting, and Mr. Jarrett reported that the paving project went very well, and that bids for the Borough Hall roof will be opened on October 27<sup>th</sup>.
- ✚ Administration – Mr. Cerutti reviewed the issues discussed at the October meeting.
- ✚ Police – Mr. Hickey reviewed the issues discussed at the October meeting and announced that additional patrols will be scheduled for Trick or Treat night.
- ✚ EMA – The Committee did not meet, and Mr. Daly explained that he will be attending several meetings with FEMA regarding the flood recovery efforts.
- ✚ Planning & Zoning – Mr. Dydynski reviewed the Code activities for the past month, and explained that Code Enforcement program will continue in 2012.
- ✚ Library – Mr. Farley explained that the roof has been repaired so the interior renovation project can move forward. The Library received a one year extension on the grant to complete the interior improvements.
- ✚ Shade Tree Commission – Mr. Jarrett announced that 20 trees will be planted in November.

**Adjourn** – With no other business to discuss, Mr. Farley entertained a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Mr. Daly and seconded by Mr. Dydynski to adjourn the Council meeting at 7:00pm. There were no objections, motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

David M Jarrett  
Borough Manager