

A special meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Sinking Spring was opened on Tuesday, October 17, 2006 at 7:00 p.m., at the Sinking Spring Borough Hall, by President George Butkus. After the Pledge to the Flag, Regina M. Shade called the roll reflecting the following Council Members present:

George Butkus
James Zerr (absent)
Dennis Leiby
Bruce Light
Lawrence S. Schmidt
Stewart Wenrich
Barbara Kutz

Other officials present were: Clarence Noecker, Mayor; Regina Shade, Borough Secretary/Treasurer who recorded the minutes of the proceedings.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council went into executive session at 7:02 p.m. regarding the Director of Public Works position.

RECONVENED:

Council reconvened at 7:35 p.m.

VISITORS:

Mr. Richard Biggs just wanted to let Council know what a wonderful library we have. He feels it is a huge success and just wanted to make Council aware of it.

The next item Mr. Bigg wanted to discuss was the glass on the front door of the old Borough Hall. It has been broken for some time. Mr. Light stated he was going to discuss this later. Mrs. Shade said it had been broken for a while and they were to fix it. A brief discussion ensued. Mr. Light made a motion to have the Church replace the glass at the old Borough Hall and if they don't repair it, the Borough will, and bill them for the cost; seconded by Mr. Leiby. AYES - 6, NAYS - 0, ABSENT - 1; motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR:

Mrs. Kutz made a motion to appoint Michael Hart as the new Public Works Director at a starting salary of \$45,000.00 with a probationary period of 180 days with a review at 90 days; seconded by Mr. Leiby. Mr. Butkus called for a roll call vote. AYES - 4, NAYS - 1, (Mr. Schmidt) ABSENT - 1, ABSTENTION - 1 (Mr. Wenrich); motion carried. Mr. Hart will be starting next Monday, October 23, 2006. Mr. Schmidt stated he did not vote "nay" against Mr. Hart but against for a different issue completely. He welcomed Mr. Hart. Mr. Schmidt introduced Mr. Hart to Mr. Hillibush.

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Mr. Butkus stated that we are beginning the budget process but to be aware that we do not have all the department's budgets as of yet.

Mr. Butkus asked Mr. Hillibush to attend tonight's meeting to discuss a rough five (5) year plan. Mr. Hillibush feels that there are a few things Council should consider. The first item is the coating of the tanks. The coating is only good for so many years. He feels we should put money in for that. In addition, the bridge on the digester could use paint as it is rusted. Mrs. Shade stated that Mr. Schlott gave her a number of \$12,000.00 and she placed that into the 2007 budget. The collection system is currently under contract for televising but once the televising is done, we should think about grouting and putting money into the budget each year for that. You must continually do this. He feels we should regrout a 1/5th of the town each year. Then after the fifth year, you restart the process again. This is the only way to beat I&I. Drive units on the clarifiers at the plant need to be addressed. You have two (2) clarifiers at the plant. Under normal flow conditions you can get by on one (1) but if you have high flows you need both. If one (1) of the drives goes out, we don't have a spare gear box. The gear box is about \$12,000.00. The delivery time is about three (3) to five (5) days. The oxidation gear box is a totally different story. He has not gotten a firm price. EMCO has had problems with that gear box and they are not giving a firm quote. They are looking into another box. They are saying it would cost \$30,000.00 to \$40,000.00 for one (1) box and delivery time is four (4) to five (5) months. Currently we have one (1) ditch in service and one (1) not in service. They had everything checked out appears and it is in good shape. They do exercise it on a monthly basis. However, once you have both ditches in services if one (1) of the aerators goes out, we have a spare motor but not a spare gear box. Mr. Schmidt stated his committee did meet about some of these items. Mr. Butkus stated he knew that; however he just wanted to have Mr. Hillibush explain it. Mr. Leiby stated we got our number from South Heidelberg Township and they want no capacity in our new plant. They sent a letter to Spring asking if they want any capacity. If they come in low, then there will be no plant expansion. Lower Heidelberg only wants 30,000. Mr. Leiby feels it is important that we get into some kind of maintenance plan as there will not be an expansion. Mr. Schmidt stated a few months ago, Mr. Biggs asked Mr. Alex Morrison, of ARRO Consulting, what it would cost to bring the plant up to date. The amount he was told was eleven million dollars. The ditches will actually do two and a half times what they are rated at Mr. Hillibush said. It appears the real weak link is the clarifiers as we only have two (2). Mr. Schmidt stated it is at the "head" end of the plant that needs upgrades. Mr. Schmidt is hoping to get Mr. Hillibush, Mr. Schlott, and the other members of his committee together to look into some of these issues. Mr. Schmidt feels we should be putting catwalks up at the chlorine contact tank. A discussion ensued as to the surrounding municipalities and the capacity they want or don't want. Mr. Biggs feels we should move ahead. He realizes this will fall then upon our citizens. Mr. Schmidt stated that South Heidelberg wants to take their sewage towards Robesonia and Wernersville. That is their prerogative. A brief discussion ensued as to South Heidelberg. Mr. Biggs feels maybe we should do a minimum type upgrade. Mr. Wenrich stated we should just maintain what we have. Why would we want to expand? Why do we want to take on the extra burden just in case someone down the pike wants some capacity? A discussion ensued. Mr. Wenrich stated Sinking Spring is landlocked. Why not take care of our own, and not look at this as a money making proposition. Is this going to be a flash in the pan, like the Mt.

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Home Road Project? Some future Council will have to figure out how to correct this error. Mr. Biggs feels you need to do the math. To bring it up to a 1MGD plant it will cost you eleven million dollars. We will be prone to a lot less mistakes if the plant was upgraded to a 1MGD plant. Mr. Biggs stated every twenty (20) years you should build a new sewer treatment plant. We are there. A brief discussion ensued. A letter has been sent to Spring Township. If they respond that they don't want any capacity, then the expansion is over in Mr. Schmidt's eyes. The last expansion was paid for by developers, Mr. Biggs said. Mr. Schmidt stated that the developers still had to go to their municipalities and get their approval. Mr. Biggs feels that our plant does need some attention.

Mr. Butkus asked Mr. Schmidt to move ahead with the rest of the budget. Mr. Schmidt stated that the income for 2007 is budgeted at \$881,200.00. The expenditures are \$816,400.00. At the end of 2007, we are showing a surplus of \$64,800.00. We do have a few line items that need adjusting. There is about a \$19,000.00 increase for Miller for next year. Mr. Butkus stated that is nothing if you look at the price of utilities for next year. Mr. Schmidt stated he got sideswiped a bit in regards to the salaries. In the meeting, Mrs. Kutz stated that we would be taking Ms. White's entire salary out of sewer. It was then changed to 75% for Ms. White and 25% for Mrs. Shade. Mr. Schmidt has a problem with that as Ms. White does other work, not just sewer related. The question was not how much of Ms. White's salary comes out of sewer, it is how much of Mrs. Shade's salary should come out of sewer, stated Mr. Butkus. Mr. Leiby questioned if this number reflected the change. Mrs. Shade stated it did. Mrs. Shade stated she thought Ms. White stated she did tell Mr. Butkus it is 50/50. Mr. Leiby questioned if she did say that. Mr. Butkus stated she did say that. A brief discussion ensued. The Mayor stated for years it has always been 50/50, the money comes out of the taxpayer's pocket. Mr. Wenrich questioned how we did it in the past. Mr. Schmidt stated 50/50. Mr. Wenrich wanted to know then why are we changing it. Mr. Wenrich stated for two (2) years in a row, we had good, clean audits why are we trying to reinvent the wheel. Mr. Butkus stated he just wants to see where the time is being spent, is paying for the time. Mr. Wenrich said if you want to micro manage everything down to the last penny, then put time clocks at each desk and when they are working on the sewer they punch in, when they are done, they punch out. Every year prior to this there as been no problem, Mr. Wenrich wanted to know where this was coming from. He wanted to know why. Mr. Leiby stated that they can't believe 50% of Mrs. Shade's work is being done in the sewer. Mr. Wenrich feels we are throwing good money after bad, but he stated it seems like they have this all figured out already. Mr. Light feels it should kept at 50/50. Mr. Schmidt states how much money are we spending to figure this out? He stated we are spending more money than it is worth, just keep it at 50/50. Mr. Butkus stated you are using sewer money to pay other things. Mr. Leiby stated that is what they are doing in Reading and it is highly illegal. Mr. Butkus stated it is not like we are cutting anyone's salary; it is just where it is coming from. Mr. Light questioned Mr. Butkus why he requested all the salary amounts for the employees. Mr. Butkus questioned if that means he wants to change the budget. Mr. Butkus stated no, it was based on the discussion in executive session regarding the consideration of what amount of raises we will be giving people next year. A discussion ensued. Mrs. Kutz wanted to know where it is written that the raises in the office are based on what the police department gets. Mr. Schmidt stated that has been the procedure since way back when. Mrs. Kutz questioned why was a bonus given two (2) years ago, the police department did not get a bonus, Mrs. Kutz stated. Mr. Butkus stated it was a rate increase. Mr. Schmidt stated the procedure that has been followed in this Borough for eons, is what the police get is

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what the office gets. The Mayor stated that was correct; the police contract would come out and everyone else would get what the contract stated. Mr. Schmidt agrees with them on one (1) thing. The idea of percentage wages is a bad idea because you can enter into big discrepancies on wages. He feels there should be a dollar amount increase not necessarily a percentage. Mrs. Kutz stated if the person is here twenty five years they salary could be sky high. Mr. Schmidt stated that if you go back in history the rates for municipal employees were quite a bit lower than that of the private sector. Mr. Hart agreed that was true. This is no longer the situation. We are now competitive to private business. Mr. Schmidt stated he has no problem in changing from a percentage basis. Mr. Biggs was wondering who we were talking about. Mr. Butkus stated the non-uniformed employees. Mrs. Shade stated we are talking about four (4) employees as the others are under contract. Mr. Wenrich stated the library is asking for higher raises as they are one (1) of the lowest paid libraries in the County system. Mrs. Shade stated we would then be talking about herself, Ms. White, Madeline, and Bonnie in the police department. Mr. Biggs stated we could give them employees merit raises. However, he does not feel Council should do the evaluating as they have trouble on agreeing on anything. Mr. Biggs knows what Mrs. Shade and Ms. White do. A discussion ensued with Mr. Biggs on evaluations and merit raises. The Mayor stated that the State got a five (5%) percent increase across the board. Mr. Butkus reminded Mr. Biggs of the fighting, screaming, and yelling that happened in January, February, and March when they started to try to institute such a policy. The problem is this is not the same municipal government that was around in 1980 or 1950. We have more people in the till. Mr. Butkus explained why he felt we should do it the way that was discussed. He stated we might not have bought anything out of the sewer revenue account this year but we are building it up in case we need it in the future. Mr. Biggs stated a good professional evaluation will be a great tool. It is in writing and the response from the employee will be in writing as well. Mr. Schmidt stated that is true; however there is only (1) problem with this when you have a union it does not really matter. We are talking about four (4) other people. Mrs. Shade stated that no one really knows what goes on in there during a day. Mr. Biggs stated that is a really, really bad thing. Everyone thinks they know what we do. Ms. Brenda Messina questioned why they don't ask you what you do. Mr. Biggs stated it is a complex situation. A discussion ensued. Mr. Schmidt questioned Mr. Biggs on the evaluation. Mr. Schmidt stated that you have one (1) boss, only one (1) person to answer to. Here they have seven (7). They will never please seven (7) people. Mr. Schmidt asked him to repeat it, as he was now listening. Mr. Biggs stated that this Council can't agree on anything. Mr. Schmidt did agree with that. Mr. Biggs suggested that the immediate supervisor do the evaluations. Mr. Hart should evaluate the street crew. Mr. Schmidt stated lets be specific, who is going to evaluate Mrs. Shade. Mr. Biggs asked who head of admin is; Mrs. Kutz stated she was. Mr. Biggs asked who does she work for; Mr. Schmidt stated all seven (7) of them. Mr. Biggs stated she is not responsible to anyone. Mr. Schmidt stated she is responsible to all seven (7). Mr. Biggs stated that needed to be changed and in a hurry. She should report to Mrs. Kutz. Mr. Schmidt stated then their opinions don't count. Mr. Wenrich wanted us to move on. It will remain at 75/25. Mr. Biggs feels if she does not have specific boss then shame on Council. He continued that Mrs. Shade sat there and said that no one knows what she does. Mrs. Kutz stated three (3) people are on each committee with a chairperson. If there are problems in the office they are to come to me to review and then bring back to the committee. Mr. Schmidt agreed. Mr. Light asked Mrs. Kutz how many times has her committee met, that only two

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(2) members of the committee were there. Then you had another person offering his opinion. When some can't make it you just meet without the third person. Mr. Light wondered how many times she has met without the third person. Mrs. Kutz stated never. Mr. Light stated you didn't have a meeting without (pointed to Mr. Wenrich) that man right there. Mrs. Kutz stated yes, someone else sat in on that meeting. Mrs. Kutz stated that if Mr. Wenrich couldn't make it Mr. Butkus sat in on the meeting. Mrs. Kutz stated that she thinks Mr. Wenrich made all but one (1) of the meetings. A discussion ensued. Mr. Butkus requested we move on. Mr. Light would like to table the salary issue and discuss it at the committee level.

With Mr. Zerr was not there, so no work will be done on the fire department budget.

Mr. Butkus asked Mr. Schmidt if he would like to give a brief idea of where we are going with the trash for next year. Mr. Schmidt stated he had a meeting with Mr. Vaughn of Spring Township. They have been unable to come up with an amount for us participating in their yard waste site. It does look like it will be on a per capita basis though. The fuel has not been discussed yet. As far as the trash goes, Mr. Schmidt stated a semi discussion has taken place and it appears we will probably be keeping the trash the way it is with the exception of apartments. We will be adding a charge per unit on each apartment in a dwelling. Mr. Schmidt stated we talked about using water consumption as a basis to bill; however we have talked ourselves out of that with estimated bills and those types of things. He feels we should leave it the way it is with the exception of the units. Mr. Biggs asked if that means the trash will be on the sewer bill. Mr. Schmidt stated yes. Mrs. Kutz stated that people are complaining, if they know ahead of time, it is less than \$4.00 a week it should not be an issue. Mr. Leiby feels we would generate more phone calls as the amount would be different every quarter. Mr. Hart stated it is attached to the water bill in West Reading, but it is not based on water consumption. It is a flat rate. The committee will need to come up with a per unit charge. Mrs. Shade questioned if the tax collector will continue to collect for the apartments. They did not have a preference. Hopefully, we will have that number for the November meeting. Mr. Biggs stated the yard waste is in horrible shape. We should have cameras installed at the sewer plant. Mr. Biggs has seen paint, old wood, and those types of things over there. A discussion ensued as to what is acceptable and not acceptable. Mr. Schmidt feels that since Spring Township is enforcing their rules at their yard waste site that is making the people dump their stuff at our site. Mr. Leiby questioned what time their site closes. Mr. Schmidt stated 7:00 p.m. Mr. Leiby feels that if Spring Township lets us go in with them that will take a lot of our problems away. Mr. Schmidt stated that Mr. Vaughn said since they started patrolling the site, these types of issues have dropped significantly.

Mr. Butkus asked Mrs. Shade to review some of the changes for 2007. Mrs. Shade stated that the taxes are based on new construction at Brookfield Manor in the area of twenty (20) to thirty (30) homes plus the homes that were constructed this year. Our millage is 3.19%. Mrs. Shade stated that she always underestimates the income and overestimates the expenses. The per capita reflects the increase in residents in the Brookfield Manor area as well. The only issue is whether or not the school district will be taking \$5.00 of our Emergency Tax. This is an enabling tax and they can take some of our money. A meeting was held the night before. If the school passes this tax we will loose about \$14,000.00 based on calculations. Mr. Leiby questioned if any municipalities are protesting

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this. Mrs. Shade stated that there is no choice, they have that right. Mr. Leiby stated what would happen if we don't pay it. Mr. Butkus stated it is not a choice. Mrs. Shade stated they collect our mercantile tax so they do have a way of collecting the money if need be. Mr. Butkus said the State could fine us in the end. Mr. Leiby feels it is not right that they can come in and take our money.

Mrs. Shade stated that she tried to incorporate the new fees into the income for next year. She said that the State money is the same.

Mrs. Shade stated that Mr. Ludgate was going to check into whether we could receive any CDBG money or not. She felt probably not as the paperwork needed to be completed by June of this year. She has the application for 2008.

The long term debt shows nothing, as the Mt. Home Road Project is complete and all money should be received by the end of this year.

Mrs. Shade feels very secure with the income, with the exception of the trash and the Emergency Tax.

On the expenditure side, it is about the same as the income. Administration and tax collector sides are complete.

There are some issues under the building side that will need to be addressed. Mr. Stine had a heating system budgeted for this year however nothing has happened so it was carried over to the 2007 budget. Mr. Leiby agreed. The other issue was the carpeting in the library. Mr. Wenrich wanted to discuss this issue. At the library meeting the prior evening, it was discussed about them using part of their allocation toward the carpeting. The library was not in favor of this as they said they had no input into the picking of the carpeting they currently have. Mr. Wenrich stated he was led to believe that they chose a lesser grade of carpeting. They stated they chose what they did because it was the only sample shown to them. Mr. Schmidt disagreed. He continued that they wanted backing and was told they could not have backing. They feel they got stuck with a "white elephant" and they don't feel it should come out of the library budget. It is not a library building it is a Borough building. Mr. Wenrich stated that this is a totally different story then what he was hearing from Council. They stated that Mr. Stine came over and this is what you are going to have. Mr. Wenrich and Mr. Leiby did talk them into the carpet squares because of the replacement factor. It is in bad shape, Mr. Wenrich said. Mr. Wenrich told the Library Board he will bring this up to Council. Mr. Wenrich wanted to know how we handle this. Mr. Schmidt questioned about the carpeting and who said they had no choice in the carpeting. A brief discussion ensued. Mr. Schmidt questioned if anyone had a cost on what it would be. Mr. Leiby stated at this point, no. This will need to be in the 2007 budget. Mr. Wenrich questioned who would draw up the specs. Mr. Wenrich does not feel the library should do it; the building committee should do it. The quote they got which was all "pie in the sky" was \$17,000.00. Ms. Messina questioned who originally paid for the carpet. Mr. Schmidt stated we did, the Borough. She then asked how long the carpet has been in there, to which Council responded two (2) years. A brief discussion ensued as to whether there was a warranty on the

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carpeting or not. Mr. Light questioned if the same company put the carpeting in on both sides. Mr. Schmidt stated it was. Mr. Leiby stated they tried to bring up putting linoleum in and the library didn't want to hear of that. Mr. Schmidt stated why they don't get mats for the children to sit on. A discussion ensued. Mr. Biggs feels that since the library is so successful we should put in the carpeting. Mr. Wenrich feels that if this type of carpeting goes in, we should get some kind of throw rugs to put on top of the carpeting so they don't have the spills. A lot of the expense for the \$17,000 fee was based on a weekend installation, and the removal and storage of the books. The library is very happy with Council at this point since they got their water fountain and sign. It was decided to place \$20,000.00 in the budget for this item. A brief discussion ensued as to when the library can be closed as they are members of the County Library System.

The police budget was done by the Chief. Mrs. Shade explained how the pension is calculated for both the non uniformed and police pension. She explained that the non uniform plan is based on 10% of their gross salary not including overtime. The police are 10% of their total salary including overtime. At this point in time all the money that we get from the State is currently going to fund the police pension which includes money we receive for non uniform members. Currently, this is not an issue, but it could present a problem next year. Council will need to look into this matter. A discussion ensued.

The fire portion has not changed. There is some thought about increasing the donation to Western Berks Ambulance but nothing further has been discussed.

Trash and recycling will remain the same as we are under contract. The only thing that might affect this number is the yard waste site.

The next area was street. The salaries are based on the 4.5% and the part time pay amount of \$4,000 will remain the same. The rest of the budget is based on a percent increase from the projected year end number. Mrs. Shade questioned if anyone has asked Ludgate for their thoughts on any road projects for next year. They are usually able to give us a good budget number for any street projects we want completed for next year. Mrs. Shade stated we will be receiving over \$48,000.00 for liquid fuels. This was based on the report she compiled at the beginning of 2006. This will come April of next year.

The recreation committee will be meeting the following evening to discuss their budget. .

The allocation of library remains at \$35,000.00. We have been running with this allocation for a number of years, Mrs. Shade stated. Mr. Wenrich said as far as wages go, we are not the bottom of the barrel; however we are right there. Mr. Wenrich questioned if that \$35,000 pays their salaries. They would like to an increase in that amount. Mr. Butkus stated lets see how the carpet plays out. Mrs. Shade explains how the allocation works as there was some confusion to whether that covers their payroll. Some of the money for the payroll can certainly come from the allocation but not all of it. A brief discussion ensued as to their raise percentages and the effect on their allocation. Mrs. Shade explained that they due their own budget and their percentage of increases are in their budget

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not in the allocation. Mrs. Kutz said it can't cover their cost the two (2) full timers are almost \$48,000.00. Mrs. Shade stated that the library personnel get the same percentage increase as the rest of the Borough. If we got 5%, they get 5%. The passports net numbers are not that good Mr. Wenrich reported. The net number is about 53% of the gross. Mr. Leiby questioned that as well. The fees are quite expensive. They are dropping the fees of passports by \$5.00. A discussion ensued as to when you will need a passport and the "cards" that might be issued instead of passports for certain areas. Mr. Leiby questioned if we handle their checkbook. Mrs. Shade stated we do. Mr. Wenrich stated they questioned that their one (1) account doesn't have any interest showing. Mrs. Shade stated it could be a quarterly interest deposit in the INVEST account. Mr. Leiby stated the Authority has sweep accounts. Mrs. Shade stated we had sweep accounts at one time but not anymore. Mr. Leiby said they brought up about getting a card to use to go buy items and that someone in the Borough Hall told them they can't do that. Mr. Falter stated at the library meeting that the street crew has cards. Mrs. Shade said that the street crew has "credit cards" to different businesses. The library wanted a "debit card." The debit card would give them access to all the money in their account with a "pin" number. They are now thinking of upping their petty cash. Mrs. Shade stated how the INVEST transfers work.

The next item was the debit service. It is interest and principal on both loans for the next year.

The insurance was next. Our health insurance has not changed. The eye and dental increased a very small amount that is why it is showing a slightly different amount. Mr. Butkus questioned if the liability insurance will be going up due to the new playground. Mrs. Shade stated that was the number given to her by the carrier and that already contains the new playground. It is for the entire year.

Mr. Butkus encouraged every committee to meet before the next meeting. He stated that Mr. Hart will be working with Mr. Leiby and himself regarding the street budget.

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Mr. Butkus asked Mrs. Shade to explain about the new copy machine. Mrs. Shade stated that Ms. White and she met with a representative of G.E. Richards that afternoon. They were the company who supplied our current copier. They hold the state contract. The amount of the copier which is not color is \$4,950.00. The contract for a year is \$441.00. This can be networked to our computers and we will be able to fax right from our computer. We are very happy with the cost. We budgeted almost \$8,000.00. G.E. Richards will not take the old copy machine. We have asked the police department and they would like to have that machine back in the police department. The old machine will have a maintenance agreement as well. Mr. Schmidt made a motion to purchase the copy machine at a cost of \$4,950.00 along with a yearly maintenance contract of \$441.00; seconded by Mr. Leiby. AYES – 6, NAYS – 0, ABSENT -1; motion carried.

Mr. Schmidt asked Mr. Butkus what happened to the bridge cleanout. Mr. Butkus stated we got bumped down the list because of damage to other bridges. That is the last we heard. Mr. Wenrich stated he thought we were bumped back to November. Mr. Butkus stated he wasn't sure it

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was going to happen then. Mr. Schmidt asked could we get permission to do it ourselves. Mr. Butkus stated no as it is a State owned bridge. We need special permission. Mr. Leiby stated he thought the permits were all pulled. Mr. Butkus stated yes, but the permits were made out to PENNDOT. Mr. Wenrich said that a letter was drafted and sent to PENNDOT. The State is on notice. They have two (2) bridge teams in the County each team having four (4) people. The answer Mr. Butkus receives is that there is only so much they can do with the people they have. Mr. Schmidt stated this was to be done in July. Mr. Light stated that the County gave Temple Borough twenty (20) inmates to clean up along their streams and highways when he was on Council there. Mr. Butkus stated that it has changed since it is now part of the watershed system.

Mr. Biggs had called Mr. Butkus the other day and asked in light of Mr. Butkus' comment at the last Council meeting about people placing their bulk items out the weekend before bulk cleanup are we going to enforce that. Mr. Butkus continued that according to our Ordinance, trash and recycling can only be placed out the night before. He stated he is going to be out of town and wanted to know if we will cite him. Mr. Butkus' response was "keep it neat and hope that your neighbors don't complain." Mr. Light stated that on regular weeks, the trash and recycling is out on Sunday, and Monday as well as Tuesday, when it should be placed out for pickup. Mr. Light stated we are not enforcing the code on it. Mr. Butkus stated it was like Mrs. Shade had just said, right now we have Ludgate doing the enforcement, till a picture is taken and a notice is written up and mailed, the trash company has come along and picked up the trash. The problem is cleared up. Therefore, no ordinance has been broken as nothing is sitting out. Mr. Light stated if you have pictures and a letter that should hold up. Mrs. Shade stated but the problem as been cleaned up, that makes the notice and picture "null and void." There is nothing to cite. Mr. Schmidt stated we might want to think of doing what Spring Township does for our next contract. That is to get rid of spring and fall cleanup and allow the residents to place one (1) bulk cleanup item out with the trash every week. That will eliminate this issue. A discussion ensued to the pros and cons of this.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Wenrich made a motion to adjourn at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Regina M. Shade
Borough Secretary/Treasurer