Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Council Vice President Claire Remington followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Solicitor Robert Yurchak, Councilwoman Anne Girard, Council Vice President Claire Remington, Councilwoman Yvonne Stoffey, Councilman Francis Hutta and Mayor Herb Whildin were present. Council President Angela Krapf, Councilman Thomas Keerans and Councilman Michael Doerr were absent.

Executive Session: None

Public Participation:
• Daniel Gould, 4785 Hilton Rd, Schnecksville, PA, owner of a rental property at 17 E. Ruddle St. had questions regarding the rental inspections and the checklist. Claire Remington explained that every rental property will be getting inspected. Mr. Gould asked if Ridge Terrace owned by Schuylkill County Housing Authority and Colonial Square are included in the inspections. Claire Remington wasn’t sure and she will look into it. It was also explained that the checklist is just a general list of things that will be inspected and not everything the list pertains to every property. Suzanne Whildin offered to give him the inspector’s contact information but he didn’t want it.

Approval of previous minutes: Motion made by Frank Hutta to approve the previous minutes. Seconded by Anne Girard and motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer’s Report/Approval of Bills: Given by Anissa Nunemacher, Borough Treasurer
• Paperwork is started to close General Savings Account at JTNB.
• Anissa Nunemacher asked to move the October 24th budget meeting because she has a conflict that night. Motion made by Anne Girard to advertise to change the budget meeting to October 25th at 6:30pm. Seconded by Frank Hutta and motion carried unanimously.
• Motion made by Anne Girard to accept the treasurer’s report. Seconded by Frank Hutta and motion carried unanimously.
• Motion made by Frank Hutta to approve the bills. Seconded by Anne Girard and motion carried unanimously.

Police Report: Given by Yvonne Stoffey, Police Committee Chairperson
• Chief Krapf’s report for August 2018 was read by Yvonne Stoffey.
• Motion made by Frank Hutta to accept the report. Seconded by Yvonne Stoffey and motion carried unanimously.

Mayors Report: Given by Mayor Whildin
• Showed the pink badges that the police will be wearing in October for Breast Cancer Awareness.
• Motion made by Frank Hutta to ratify the purchase of the pink badges. Seconded by Yvonne Stoffey. Anne Girard was the only no vote. Motion passes 3-1.
• Spent time with the police during a traffic and safety stop on Route 209. He commended all the police involved for their professional interaction with the public.
• Spoke at the 9/11 service at the VFW.
• Trick or Treat will be October 31st from 6pm-8pm. Trunk or Treat will also be taking place during this time.

Presidents Report: Given by Claire Remington, Vice President
• The Zoning Board alternate moved out of town creating a vacancy. Otis Remington submitted a letter of interest for this vacancy. Motion made by Frank Hutta to appoint Otis Remington as the zoning board alternate. Seconded by Anne Girard. Claire Remington abstained. Motion passed.
• $3,258.10 collected in August from Portnoff Law Associates and to date collected is $40,928.15 for delinquent sanitation.
• No bids were received for the empty lot at 223 E. Ridge St. Nothing will be done with it at this time.
• Motion made by Frank Hutta to ratify having Munibilling print and mail the sanitation bills. Seconded by Anne Girard and motion carried unanimously.

Secretary’s Report: Given by Suzanne Whildin, Borough Secretary
• Fall clean up date is October 20, 2018.
• Provided information from Schuylkill Keep it Pretty regarding their fall cleanup.
• John Wascavage asked me what to do when there are “no shows” for scheduled rental inspections. Attorney Yurchak confirmed that it is in the residential rental ordinance that a fee of $75.00 can be charged for this.
• Zoning Board hearing in council chambers Thursday September 27th at 6pm.

Solicitor Report: Given by Attorney Robert Yurchak
• There are 2 resolutions, an ordinance and the agreement that need to be adopted for Portnoff to collect the delinquent taxes that was discussed during the August meeting. The ordinance needs to be advertised first. Motion made by Frank Hutta to advertise the ordinance. Seconded by Anne Girard and motion carried unanimously. Everything can be adopted on the same night after the ordinance is advertised.
• An ordinance can be adopted to change the parking direction on First St. between High and Ridge Sts. to parking against the flow of traffic (both sides parking downhill) because First St. is not a state highway. Motion was made by Anne Girard to have Attorney Yurchak draft this ordinance. Seconded by Frank Hutta and motion carried unanimously.

Fire/Ambulance Report: Anne Girard read the report from the fire company.
• Motion made by Frank Hutta to accept the report. Seconded by Yvonne Stoffey and motion carried unanimously. Anne Girard requested to have the Ambulance Report removed because we don’t get one.

Code Enforcement/Zoning Report: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS
Buildings/Complex: None
Demolition/Grants: None
Finance/Utilities: None
Handicap: None
Police: None
Police Pension: None
Recreation/Memorial: Given by Yvonne Stoffey-Recreation Committee Chair & Anne Girard-Memorial Chair
• 4 benches from were moved from the Memorial Garden to the park. Some of the stones will be re-arranged and grass planted for easier maintenance.
• Craig Walters of Walters Monuments put a wedge under a loose monument. Claire Remington will be meeting with him about moving a monument that is blocked by a tree.
• Any new bricks purchased will be installed in spring time. Claire Remington has to meet with Craig Walters.
• CHOSE events include:
  o Rock the Block was successful even with the weather. Yvonne Stoffey thanked everyone who helped.
  o Halloween Monster Mash will be October 21st.
  o VFW is holding Pawstock at the fire company September 30th. The fire company will be selling food.
  o The fire company is having a Fall Festival every Sunday in October with mums, pumpkins, hay bales, and kitchen is open.
• Fall Community Yard Sale will be October 6th and 7th, 2018.
• Crime Watch meeting for September 26th was moved to the VFW. Judge Bayer is scheduled to speak as of now.

Streets: Given by Claire Remington, Streets Chairperson
• Ruddle St. between 3rd and 4th Sts. will be completed by the end of October. Schuylkill Paving couldn’t get here until then to mill the area.
• The backhoe was not purchased from Radocha’s even though it was previously approved. Claire Remington is still shopping around for one.

September 18, 2018
Old Business:
• The exemption appeal Attorney Yurchak applied for 223 E. Ridge St. was denied by the county. Attorney Yurchak will go through another appeal.

New Business: None

Adjournment: Motion made by Frank Hutta at 7:30pm, seconded by Anne Girard and motion carried unanimously.

SUBMITTED BY:

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Suzanne Whildin, Borough Secretary
Submitted for approval on October 9, 2018