

JIM THORPE BOROUGH COUNCIL  
AUGUST 13, 2020  
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Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Gregory Strubinger with the pledge of allegiance and moment of silence for the men and women serving our country with the Corona Virus pandemic.

President Strubinger announced at this point and time under Governor Wolf's orders we are limiting participation by the public, unless you have an agenda item. This is how the meetings will be, we are limited to the number of 25 people to attend indoor events. We ask residents to submit the comments by mail, email, hand deliver comments to the office, or place their comments in the drop office box.

**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS**

Michael Yeastedt  
Edith Lukasevich  
Gregory Strubinger  
PSM Vince Yaich  
Police Chief Schatz

Joanne Klitsch  
Robert Schaninger  
Mayor Michael Sofranko  
Borough Manager Sterner  
Borough Secy. McClafferty

Kyle Sheckler  
Thomas Highland  
Solicitor James Nanovic  
Connor Rodgers, JCP

**Public Hearing**

**Mayor's Report**

Mayor Sofranko said you all received a copy of the police report for July 2020.

Mayor Sofranko said there is an organization out there that is promoting that Jim Thorpe be the sole winner of the 1912 Olympics. They are doing a resolution or a petition that you sign up online. John Thorpe had contacted him and asked him to bring this up to borough Council to make them aware of this. If possible, he would like to know if the borough could look at a resolution stating his medals be reinstated, so we have something on file to help them along the way to achieve this goal. If you go online to [brightpathstrong.com](http://brightpathstrong.com) and you will see all the information.

President Strubinger said this was through Congressman Meuser back in November.

Mayor Sofranko asked that Jim Thorpe Borough be in favor of naming Jim Thorpe as the sole winner of the Olympics.

Solicitor Nanovic said he did not realize this, when the medals were restored to Jim Thorpe, they made him a co-winner. The idea of this is to make him the sole winner.

Borough Manager Sterner said we should let Secretary McClafferty see what she can find and see what has been done in the past.

Mayor Sofranko said let Louise look at that then have solicitor Nanovic take a look at it to make sure he is satisfied.

Mayor Sofranko said he received a phone call today; he congratulated the Borough Manager on a job well done, you will be receiving \$134,000.00 grant for the sewer and water line replacement.

Borough Manager Sterner said thank you, the engineer wrote that, thanks for noticing.

Police Chief Schatz thanked the Jim Thorpe Neighborhood Bank, they donated \$1,000.00 towards the command trailer.

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Police Chief Schatz said they are moving forward; they have a big announcement coming next month as to the final plans and their funding and everything else. The trailer will be fully funded by donations. They will have money over to equip the trailer with more traffic control devices as well as two computer and lighting system. It will be used for any events we may have as a central location.

Mayor Sofranko said at the workshop it was discussed the possibility of a lease vehicle for the meter attendant. Council has to decide how they would like to handle this, it is in budget.

Mayor Sofranko said last week the Police Chief, Borough Manager and himself went over town to discuss with the businesses to see how they felt about the COVID and the crowds that are coming into the borough and how their businesses were affected or not affected. We are here to do a job and make sure the residents are taken care of. We went over to gather information and bring it back to council. They want to make sure everyone that lives here feels safe. He sent out an email to everyone, they have concerns about the traffic, both vehicular and pedestrian traffic, and how that has to be managed because visitors are still going to be here. We have concerns because the restaurants not being able to handle, that there would be adequate food and drinks, mainly water being available. They also discussed the restrooms and where they could go. The recommendation for the three of them, this is for council to decide that we form some type of working group to sit down to meet these concerns and address all of them. JTTA is not doing anything, they cancelled fall foliage. The Current paper specifically tells you what is not going on. There are some things that need to be addressed for the entire borough. He said this is going to require sit down meetings with the borough, county, JTTA, Carbon County & Pocono Mountain Vacation Bureau, Fire Chief. If there is an issue that we need to get emergency vehicles through we need to accommodate the emergency vehicles.

Borough Manager Sterner said JTTA have been having their phone meetings on the phone on the fall season. A lot of these decisions the Mayor is talking about are going to be the decisions from Council on expenditures and such. She has spoken to these groups about the funding and stuff.

Borough Manager Sterner said we had two residents request to attend this meeting, to talk about this item. She told them per councils' protocol they were not permitted to attend the meeting. Council needs to decide if you are going to follow your protocol or not. Because we are going to get into arguments if you allow some people to attend and not others.

President Strubinger said he made the announcement in the beginning of the meeting that council did make that decision and that is what we are sticking to at this point in time unless council wants to do otherwise.

Borough Manager Sterner said there are people here at the meeting that do not have an item on the agenda, are you going allow them to talk?

President Strubinger said no, that is the decision council made and that is what we are doing at this time. Under the circumstances, it is not that hard to do follow that procedure.

Solicitor Nanovic asked if this was posted on the website.

Borough Manager Sterner said yes and it was also emailed out to people.

Solicitor Nanovic asked was it also encouraged if they had something that they could send it to us?

Borough Manager Sterner said absolutely, four different methods.

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Mr. Yeastedt said he would like to propose that we have a work group put together to deal with this since October is only a month and a half away. He did talk to Commissioner Nothstein and he would be interested in meeting with us. We can reach out to PMVB about the sanitation.

Borough Manager Sterner said she spoke to Chris and they said they will be handling the port-a-potties and hand washing stations. A location has not been decided yet, because they are trying to find a location that would not take a parking place.

Mr. Yeastedt said they will talk to the Commissioner's to find out what we can and cannot do in the park area. He did reach out to the railroad; he did get a response from his spokesperson. He wanted to find out if there was any ability to do any kind of shuttle services. He said with the COVID situation they would entertain any options.

President Strubinger asked what do you need from council?

Mr. Yeastedt said there would be three of us, Joanne, Greg & Mike, Manager Sterner, Police Chief and PSM Yaich and the Mayor should be part of this, JTTA, PMVB, hoping the Railroad would be part of this, and then any other people that would participate in October.

Borough Manager Sterner said Commissioner Nothstein did say if we wanted to do a zoom meeting, he would host it.

Mayor Sofranko said the advertisement they put out they stated the shuttle service and parking would not be. The people know the parking in Jim Thorpe is always a premium so you should get here early. Chief has a complete report of everything they will be doing. The police will be stationed in certain areas where they are needed.

Mr. Yeastedt said our biggest concern is the traffic and the parking. We need to talk to the County about the parking lot what is available and what is not. We need to talk to everyone to make sure we are all on the same page.

Police Chief Schatz said he does know the Sam Miller field will be doing overflow parking. He has plans, and costs, they just need approval.

Borough Manager Sterner said the County parking at the lake is an option and the memorial park is an option for parking.

Mr. Yeastedt said he is not sure if the entire county parking lot is available or if it is just the paved area that is available.

Borough Manager Sterner said the borough people want to meet before we meet with everybody else.

Mayor Sofranko stated Borough Council does care about the residents in this town and everyone in this community, we do care.

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Mayor Sofranko said the train is scheduled to be back in this town this weekend. Keep in mind with all this COVID and what is happening. The Police Chief and himself sat down and got a schedule and there will be some additional officers out on patrol this weekend in case we do have some issues with traffic. Social distance is key. There are serious concerns in the Heights area. Parking along the streets up there has become very tight and tough for fire equipment to get around. They will be posting some of those streets. The main streets have to be open.

President Strubinger stated you have council's support on this. We did talk about this at the workshop last week, that is definitely an area of concern. Not just now in this current situation but going forward with the busy weekends. We need to address this; we have to get a plan together for emergency situations too.

**SALDO**

**MOTION:** Joanne Klitsch second Edith Lukasevich to accept and grant the Ogden/Bennick time extension to December 31, 2020.

YES 7

NO 0

**Public Comment** – limited to 1 minute per person – public is encouraged to submit public comments via regular mail, email or place in drop box at municipal office

UCC Joint Board of Appeals Board Vacancy

Executive Session held July 28, 2020 for personnel

Jay Miller and Vince Yaich Jr., they were present to discuss the proposal that was presented to council to review prior to the meeting. He has been authorized by the Fire Company to represent the fire department. They look at the major equipment and they have been for some time. What they came up with is, to purchase two new pieces of fire equipment and the sale of three existing ones we have now. They are going to throw some money in from the fireman's relief. The two fireman's relief associations will be merging, hopefully by the end of this year, they will be one. They used \$50,000.00 to put towards safe approved fireman's relief approved equipment. Such as the cascade system, presently they have the cascade system on a piece of equipment and that costs upwards towards \$50,000.00. He looked at what's the major deal, and what we would be looking at. He took a safe number of \$1,500,000.00, \$750,000.00 per each piece. That would be for a rescue pumper for the East side station and a tanker pumper for the West side station. They know with some of the companies that produce fire equipment that there are purchasing agreements that they have, and they know in one case it should reduce it considerably. When they look at the budget, he always looks at the high side of the budget to see if they could afford it. He looked at an interest rate of 3%, he hopes council can get a better rate. He did an amortization for over 15 years, he came up with \$82,869.00 annually, monthly \$7,000.00. He spoke to the Brough Manager asked what the millage is and she said 1 mill for fire protection. She gave him the COVID number which is reduced. Since we enacted that ordinance to apply strictly a mill towards the fire equipment you have been putting money away. The proposal is to take \$400,000.00 of that gives the total of \$1,100,000.00. He knows in his calculations that a million dollars can be afforded. Then they looked at what they would like to sell. They would like to sell the tanker #1134, KME pumper #1110 and rescue pumper #1151. He is here tonight to ask for your kind consideration in this endeavor for the municipal fire department. They want to respond smarter with the resources that they have.

Jay Miller said he asked the borough to purchase this equipment and purchase a loan for this equipment and use the mill of taxes to pay off the loan. The sale of the three pieces of equipment would have to be done. This is all on a timeline. They were told by the manufacturer it would take a total of 300 days, which would be a year in production. He handed out specifications out for council to review. If you do affirm this plan to bid it out.

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Borough Manager Sterner said we do not need to take any action tonight to do anything. Let them know your support on this. One thing we do have to discuss is unit #1134 tanker is in the Borough's name they want to transfer that back into the fire company name because through their investigation their feelings they are going to get a lot better prices for the sale of the vehicles if it's done through the fire company and not through the borough.

Jay Miller said two things would have to happen. The borough would bid out the equipment and bid out for the loan. He has touched base with the Auditor General's office about the fireman's relief money with respect to a municipal fireman department, he has not gotten an answer back yet. For years the fire companies would purchase and pay for the bill, those days are over.

Mr. Schaninger said you are getting rid of three pieces of equipment; how many pieces of equipment will be at each fire house?

Jay Miller said up on the hill it will be unit #1114, #1134 the new piece of equipment, they have 2 brush vehicles, F350 Ford, UTV on the trailer, this is the West station. Over on the East station it would be the ladder #1125, the new piece #1151, unit #1170 that needs to be replaced.

Mr. Schaninger asked how old would the equipment be?

Jay Miller said unit #1114 is 10 years old, all the other equipment up on the hill would be brand new up on the hill. You would have a brand-new piece on the East side. The aerial ladder is 1996 model, that gets out 3-4 times a year, continues to pass its annual inspection, it is in good shape. What goes out is unit #1151 the rescue pumper. We do not have the manpower. When they go to a fire, they take two pieces of equipment out, they have the choice it depends on what kind of a fire it is.

Mr. Yeastedt asked if the relief can pay for the cascade system?

Jay Miller said yes.

Borough Manager Sterner said the proceeds for the sale of the vehicles, each fire company has to take that before their officers and vote on that, correct?

Jay Miller said yes.

Borough Manager Sterner said she would advise council that action be taken at the fire company meeting that it is in the minutes and is official and have written documentation that all of those proceeds will go toward that.

Borough Manager Sterner asked solicitor Nanovic, this will need DCED approval for the loan won't it?

Solicitor Nanovic said yes it will.

Borough Manager Sterner said this will need an ordinance.

Solicitor Nanovic asked if we looked at PEMA money for this?

Jay Miller said no, they did not.

Borough Manager Sterner said where does the borough stand if DCED would not approve this.

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Solicitor Nanovic said then we are not borrowing the money.

Borough Manager Sterner said as long as we are in our borrowing base then DCED should approve it. If you are over your borrowing base you are over your borrowing base. What she would recommend is that we ask the auditor to calculate out what our borrowing base is and how much we have. If there is a chance that you're not going to get DCED approval, you want to know this now in case you want to change if the fire companies do want to purchase it rather than the borough.

Jay Miller said we have to watch what we do here, if this is approved, they can't sell everything right away. They are talking about selling one of the items right off the bat.

Borough Manager Sterner asked if they have the information on the lettering with the stuff?

Vince Yaich, Jr. said he already got everything, he just needs the key, that would be \$6,800.00. The only thing that would have to be put on it is on letterhead from the borough of Jim Thorpe bids specs Diligent Fire Company Tanker, so they know what truck they are bidding on.

Mr. Sheckler asked what do we do with the bids, do we have a representative from the fire company present to take a look at the bids to make sure what they bid is correct?

Jay Miller said he would look at them.

**MOTION:** Kyle Sheckler second Robert Schaninger to authorize the manager to contact the auditor to calculate our borrowing base.

YES 7                      NO 0

Council asked that Jay Miller be at the workshop meeting in September.

**Action**

**MOTION:** Robert Schaninger second Michael Yeastedt to approve the Council Meeting Minutes from July 9, 2020

YES 7                      NO 0

**MOTION:** Michael Yeasted second Robert Schaninger to approve the Expenditures from all Funds as presented.

YES 7                      NO 0

**MOTION:** Kyle Sheckler second Robert Schaninger to approve the Treasurer's Report July, 2020.

YES 7                      NO 0

**MOTION:** Michael Yeastedt second Robert Schaninger to advertise Ordinance 2020-07 Fire Department – amendment.

YES 7                      NO 0

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**MOTION:** Kyle Sheckler second Robert Schaninger to adopt Resolution 2020-12 Fee Schedule – building updated with Bureau Veritas transition complete.

QUESTION

Mr. Yeastedt asked if she can explain this.

Borough Manager Sterner said if they are using Bureau Veritas for everything, they are building they go directly to them and pay them directly. We do have an hourly rate on here for building codes incase that is needed if for some reason they would pay the borough. Then there is the Third-Party agency what they would pay us because we will still need to get the application, Bureau Veritas will still need to do the certificate of occupancy. They pay us the application fee and then they would go to the Third-Party directly for the other stuff.

YES 7

NO 0

**MOTION:** Robert Schaninger second Kyle Sheckler to Flizak Request – 4<sup>th</sup> St Quit Claim Deed, move this to old business.

YES 7

NO 0

**MOTION:** Robert Schaninger second Michael Yeasted to approve Carbon County Commissioners – Letter of Support.

QUESTION:

Mr. Yeastedt asked is this theirs or to write our own?

President Strubinger said this is theirs, this is to update the support letter on the emergency services training center.

Borough Manager Sterner said they are still applying for grant money.

Mr. Yeastedt said we have to write an update letter of support.

Borough Manager Sterner said yes.

YES 7

NO 0

**MOTION:** Michael Yeastedt second Michael Yeastedt to approve the JT Rotary Request – use parking lot for Blood Mobile 8/25 and Mobile Mammography 11/20.

QUESTION:

President Strubinger asked if we know where they will be setting up.

Borough Manager Sterner said by the park entrance.

YES 7

NO 0

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Mr. Yeastedt said with the last storm, we have some pictures of what the Memorial Park and a picture of what the JTASD retention ponds are doing, this is night and day what is coming out of the JTASD compared to the Memorial Park it is a lot of water. Their thought is that it is not working the way it is intended to work. They think this is strictly going out into the overflow and going down the side of the mountain, which is causing erosion, sending the sediment into the creek. What they are asking for is that somebody inspects it and see if that is up to speed. When they cannot do a meeting with us and we provide them with the documents regarding the retention ponds and one of the things is the water drain needs to be cleared up of brush and things of that nature, there are trees in it, the trees are not to be in that. The issue is that the water is coming out of that at a very high rate. He does not know what the outflow of their system is there. We do know ours is time released. He doesn't know what they have in that system.

JCP Rodgers asked Mr. Yeastedt if he went over to look at it, the trees are gone, there is no problem whatsoever, using tax dollars to inspect it, he does not see the reason for this, he doesn't see anything wrong with that. He does not see the reason for this. You are referring to the pond, he did look at it, the trees are gone. The JTASD parking lot is a lot bigger than the memorial parks. The schools holding pond is 20 years old and our pond is only 2 years old. He pointed out if the borough is going to tell the school to look at their problems maybe the borough should tackle some of our stormwater problems too. There is stormwater runoff issues by the borough garage, out in Germantown we know we have had problems for the past couple years. If the Borough is going to tell the school to look at theirs, we need to tackle some of ours first.

President Strubinger asked if we looked into the agreements that was signed at the time, they installed that regarding anything that the borough is requiring as far as maintenance or inspection?

Borough Manager Sterner said there is an agreement from 1998 and it states that the plans are incorporated into the agreement. It also states that the district shall maintain and replace if necessary required improvement per the agreement and the plan. She believes we have the rights to send someone to look at it and if there is a problem to let them know.

Mr. Schaninger asked if we need a motion on this?

Mr. Yeastedt said yes, we have to authorize the borough engineer to look at it.

Solicitor Nanovic asked why wouldn't you ask the school to have their engineer look at it?

Mr. Yeastedt said we have asked the school to investigate it and they came back that they did take the tree down, that had to happen since we had the last meeting with the school district.

JCP Rodgers said it did.

Solicitor Nanovic said we asked them, and they failed to do it, that is one thing. He just wants to know if we asked them or have, we told them there is a problem.

Mr. Yeastedt said to be clear, he is not a hydraulic engineer, we gave them the Pennsylvania document that pertains to retention ponds and said this is essentially how that pond should be maintained and they were supposed to take a look at it. His bottom line is to see the amount of water that goes down there that goes into the creek be mitigated if possible. If they said it is working as designed and there are no issues, so be it, then we'll move on.

Mrs. Lukasevich left the meeting.

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Borough Manager Sterner said listening to you guys, do you want to make a request for the school district to have their engineer look at this or do you want to send your engineer? If you say your engineer, the next question is who is paying for this?

President Strubinger said he would start with them, asking them since they are starting a project over there, they may have people on site to take a look for them.

**MOTION:** Robert Schaninger second Michael Yeastedt to request the JTASD have their engineer do an inspection of their Retention Pond.

YES 6

NO 0

ABSENT 1 Edith Lukasevich

Mr. Yeastedt said they did speak with the engineer. This agreement has to do with the new system that is going in under the field. There are two issues: the water that comes into the field from other places and then the water that is collected from the field itself. The school will be addressing the overhead water that comes through that area. The amount of water the field system is going to add is within reason. The engineer feels that main is within reason.

**MOTION:** Michael Yeastedt second Joanne Klitsch to approve JTASD Turf Field Stormwater Management Maintenance Agreement.

YES 5

NO 1 Kyle Sheckler

ABSENT 1 Edith Lukasevich

Borough Manager Sterner said the bids came in today. She sent an email to council the amount that the bids are over. She spoke with Tonya who told her we could not add the contingency into what our construction cost is, what we are over is \$800,000.00 or \$900,000.00.

Blaine Summit from Spillman Farmers said these bids are from Penn Bid website. We had 14 contractors bid, lowest bid came is from Perrotto Builders of Reading at \$2,838,000.00. They are familiar with most of the companies. They will talk to different bidders and the low bidder to make sure their scope of work, and make sure they missed or went over on something. They will go through the bids to make sure these are correct. There are allowances because during the bid process the salt shed and associated stuff to support them were on the civil sheets but were not really described. What he had to do was ask our civil engineer for a good number and then double it the \$75,000.00 is probably excessive, this is allowance #1. Then allowance #2 is the well itself, we don't know how deep the well is going to have to go. The alternate was for the skylights, the reason that was pulled out and described as an allowance for an alternate bid. During the bid they were notified that the person that does the skylights has gone out of business. They had to get new specs for that and a new company, this had to be given to all of the bidders.

Blaine Summit asked why are the prices higher than what they thought and why was there such a gap in prices. He thought someone did not understand something, that was not an issue. It is a relatively simple building, a rectangular metal box with some land site development, it's not that complicated. He asked them why did we get varying prices like this, most people said COVID the materials jumped. One thing that they did talk about was the prices, the materials have jumped about 5% to 6% since January. The other thing they are looking at 1% for special hand washes and stuff like that they become significant. On a base project something like that is a wash, on a small project like this it becomes significant. You are looking at a 7% jump in costs, compared to what we thought. Blaine Summit said another thing they looked at was the site cost to the original bid. The site cost came in quite a bit higher.

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Borough Manager Sterner said the metal building, she thought you talked to the metal building guy, and it was pretty standard. So, are they marking it up that much?

Blaine Summit said yes.

Borough Manager Sterner said council must award the bid to the lowest responsible bidder. If you are going to say a bidder is not responsible you need to have documentation as to why that bidder is not responsible.

Mr. Yeastedt said what constitutes proof that they are not responsible?

Borough Manager Sterner said your lawyer would have to look at what you have. She spoke with Gino at the bank and they will provide whatever additional funding we would need. He did say he was not surprised at the increase; with construction projects they have been seeing an increase of 30% to 40% in the projects due to COVID. We are at 40% of what the estimate was, Jens Damgaard is fine with getting everything done. USDA we would need to do an additional loan, we can't expand the loan we have. So we need to do a whole new application. We don't need to do another environmental thing because they have all of that it's the same project. It looks like we are going to have to do all the financials, do a new 5-year projection. At this time there would be funds available early in the conversation with the lower amount, she has not talked to her boss yet about the \$800,000.00. If you rebid you have to wait for the spring to find out about that funding, what funds would be available at that time. A big part of this is you need to have public support. We are going to need meeting minutes where the public supports this project, need letters of support for the additional money for this project. She did say this is going to be a hard sell for them to add this financing. She does not know if they are going to give us the financing. If we were to accept these bids and get additional financing someplace else, we still have to do all the financial stuff with them. We still have to prove to them we can afford this or we may not have the financing. We are still waiting on the Federal government for the national park service conversion.

President Strubinger said his initial thought was to do them both at once.

Mr. Yeastedt said there are two parts to this: make sure the low bidder that is the price we are going to pay and get the additional funding to cover the additional work.

Borough Manager Sterner said when you have a low bidder that tends to throw out change orders at you, your \$800,000.00 is changing. You have the right to reject all bids.

Solicitor Nanovic said you will get sued if you don't go with the low bidder. He would recommend to rebid it.

Mr. Yeastedt said we are on the time clock.

Blaine Summit said he will check on the time frame.

Borough Manager Sterner said we should let Blaine meet with the low bidder and see if there is something that we need to know about. If we need to set up a special meeting, we'll set up a special meeting.

Council discussed the bids for the Public Service Garage for several more minutes.

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**MOTION:** Robert Schaninger second Kyle Sheckler to TABLE the Public Service Garage Bids.

YES 6

NO 0

ABSENT 1 Edith Lukasevich

Mr. Yeastedt said this was brought up at the last meeting that some other towns have their crosswalks & Curbs painted. After some research he came up with some additional information. Yes, they can repaint the curbs, the estimate for painting one intersection is \$300.00 to \$350.00. Going forward they want to continue with this process. The other part of this we don't actually have to have the curb painted for it to be enforced.

Police Chief Schatz said no you don't have to have it painted.

Mr. Yeastedt asked do we want to go through the process of painting these curbs, to get them back visible, are we in fact wanting to enforce the curb. Do we want to move forward with painting the curbs?

Police Chief Schatz said he can tell you if they are painted and you want them enforced, they will be enforced, you have to tell him.

Borough Manager Sterner said she thinks they have not been painted and not enforced because you are trying to allow for as much parking as possible as you can. If you paint them you are going to have a lot of people calling pointing it out to the police and if you're doing it the police should be enforcing it because otherwise, they will be screamed at because they are not.

Mr. Schaninger said it is his idea of having our little borough looking a lot sharper. The line being painted before by someone that had to do community service.

Police Chief Schatz said we tried that before, and advised them if they have anyone that they should send them our way, we had it done in the past. We are at the bottom of the list with probation and all of them.

Mr. Yeastedt said what they learned about the crosswalks; they don't recommend the crosswalks be painted unless they are in a specific school zone. The school zones have to have the proper signs, there is a whole production behind this. We have two crossings that have to be painted.

PSM Yaich said the crosswalk at the courthouse has to be painted every year, that is a signalized crossing. There are certain ones that they decided to paint. The day the Police Chief and him had LTAP up that is why 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> on North Street were painted because we have kids crossing there and have a crossing guard there. LTAP's visit North Street does not qualify for a school zone. We only had one designated school zone in the borough and that was when St. Joseph's school was in. They talked about going to 11<sup>th</sup> and North St, he said this does not meet the criteria for a school zone. Penn Dot won't give you a school zone there. They talked and the intersection at Tommy's, that should be definitely painted because there is a lot of high volume going back and forth and going into Tommy's, they have no problems painting around the churches and stuff. You just have to watch how you paint them. If they do not have a handicap curb cut you cannot paint the crosswalk because you can't send someone in a wheelchair and he has no way to get up onto the sidewalks. He would suggest painting some of the high-density areas like 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> St. because you have the L.B. Morris School, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> St at St. Joe's. Signal Cor. comes in every year and they tell us when to paint the bridge and the signalized crossings. The only things that have to be painted are the signalized crossings and if you have school zones.

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PSM Yaich said if you go up Center St you have 4 way stops, they don't have to be painted, that is a controlled stop. Legally painting them we are covered, esthetically different story.

Mr. Schaninger said we will leave this up to the PSM to determine what needs to be painted.

PSM Yaich said he can get some of them painted, the critical ones and then they will work on the signage. He will paint the crosswalks by the RT 903 bridge to keep people from parking there.

**D & L Signs – Weed Maintenance**

Mr. Yeastedt said the four existing D & L signs, one is on County property and the other three are Penn Dot. In the past when we were cutting the grass there was an issue with insurance. We should not be cutting grass on other people's property. The one coming in off of Lentz Trail is badly faded, he is going to talk to the Vo-Tech to see if they could repaint the sign.

Borough Manager Sterner said these signs are D&L signs. The person that did the signs no longer makes them, they do have a new person that makes them and one is on the grounds by the bridge. what she has been told is these signs can't be patched up, she does not know why.

**Borough Facilities Projects**

- a. Spillman Farmer Administration Invoice
- b. Spillman Farmer Garage Invoice

**MOTION:** Robert Schaninger second Kyle Sheckler to approve the NPDES Instrument for Declaration.

YES 6

NO 0

ABSENT 1 Edith Lukasevich

Park Master Site Plan  
Barry Isett & Associates

**MOTION:** Robert Schaninger second Kyle Sheckler to approve the NPS Grant New Deed restriction and covenants related to permit.

**QUESTION:**

Mr. Yeastedt said there can't be any restrictions on the property unless the conservation approves this?

Solicitor Nanovic said you can't do anything else with it without their approval.

Borough Manager Sterner said this is supposed to be used for recreation.

Mr. Yeastedt asked does this include the area where the garage is and all?

Solicitor Nanovic said yes, it is the whole park, 6.128 acres.

YES 6

NO 0

ABSENT 1 Edith Lukasevich

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**MOTION:** Joanne Klitsch second Michael Yeastedt to approve the WWTP Upgrade Project Requisition #43 - \$68,498.43.

YES 6                      NO 0                      ABSENT 1 Edith Lukasevich

**MOTION:** Michael Yeastedt second Kyle Sheckler to approve the Chamber of Commerce to host the D&L event one-year anniversary on 8/20/20 at 4:30.

YES 6                      NO 0                      ABSENT 1 Edith Lukasevich

**Utility Action**

Utility Accounts Lien Reports

Past Due Garbage Accounts

Active Utility Accounts Garbage & Others Lien Report (0)

**MOTION:** Michael Yeastedt second Thomas Highland to approve the Active Utility Account Garbage Only Lien Report (5)

YES 6                      NO 0                      ABSENT 1 Edith Lukasevich

Active Utility Accounts Sewer/Garbage Lien Report (0)

Active Utility Accounts Water/Garbage Lien Report (0)

Active Utility Accounts Water/Sewer/Garbage Lien Report (0)

Temporary Off Lien Report (0)

Inactive (0)

Uncollectible Accounts Report – (0)

Utility Accounts Proposed Updates (0)

**MOTION:** Michael Yeastedt second Thomas Highland to approve Account #9119 – credit request to verified USPS mail issue.

YES 6                      NO 0                      ABSENT 1 Edith Lukasevich

**MOTION:** Michael Yeastedt second Joanne Klitsch to approve Account #4713 – penalty waiver request, he provided proof.

YES 6                      NO 0                      ABSENT 1 Edith Lukasevich

**MOTION:** Joanne Klitsch second Kyle Sheckler to approve Account #7993 – payment plan.

YES 6                      NO 0                      ABSENT 1 Edith Lukasevich

**MOTION:** Kyle Sheckler second Thomas Highland to approve Account #3660 – payment plan.

YES 6                      NO 0                      ABSENT 1 Edith Lukasevich

**Exoneration Request**

**MOTION:** Joanne Klitsch second Michael Yeastedt to approve the exoneration request for: Walter Schlenner, Jean Kuchynski and Thomas Kuchynski.

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YES 6

NO 0

ABSENT 1 Edith Lukasevich

**Committees**

**Administration**

October Season – visitor preparation

**Public Service (Sewer/Sanitation/Water/Streets)**

Crosswalk Time Study – letter to Rep Heffley for a time study for crosswalks – Broadway; Susquehanna

Mr. Schaninger asked that this be moved to next month's workshop meeting.

Mr. Yeastedt asked is that the crosswalk by the Myst?

Mr. Schaninger said no, this is by Quarry St and Broadway, putting something up there or by Antonio's on Broadway put a crosswalk up there.

Mayor Sofranko said that is mid-block by the State and that is denied.

Mr. Yeastedt said some of these are in the traffic study and it would be better to address them when we are in the traffic study. That will come after we address the STR, and West Broadway Parking Permit then we can concentrate on the whole traffic study.

Traffic Light Time Study – letter to Rep Heffley for a time study for traffic light North & Front Sts.

Borough Manager Sterner presented council with paperwork from the study that the State had done for a traffic light before you get on the bridge.

President Strubinger said we had questioned them why there was not a light going in there.

Mr. Schaninger said this is before the bridge was there, this is 9 years later. This is a straight shot this is a totally different animal trying to pull out coming up from Main Street.

Mr. Yeastedt said the question is would this be funded or wouldn't it be funded? If not funded by the State then we will be responsible, and that cost is about \$150,000.00.

Borough Manager Sterner said about \$350,000.00. If you are going to do this how would you pay for this? Are you going to raise taxes, are you going to save up money for this? If you want to save up money for this, you will want to save up money for this to do the study. Then you will have a current study for that.

Police Chief Schatz said Penn Dot will come in and look at the crash data. Fortunately for us the crash data is 1 crash in 5 years.

Borough Manager Sterner said you have the emails from LTAP, you may want to look at alternatives such as 4 way stops, which would be a 3way stop.

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Mayor Sofranko spoke about the traffic being tied up from downtown to the bridge. They were told the pedestrian foot traffic should not come across at the Annex building. The foot traffic should go down along the train tracks to the train station, through the county park to the light. People that leave the courthouse at the end of the day are to walk to the red light in front of the courthouse, cross the crosswalk, through the park into the parking lot. All of that study everything was put in there. In order to keep that traffic flowing in circle motion, get rid of the crosswalk by the annex building and it all flows.

Police Chief Schatz said the traffic pattern they set up for fall foliage is the traffic pattern that should be used all year long. No left out of the county parking lot it works perfectly.

Mr. Yeastedt asked if we could implement that?

Police Chief Schatz said that would be up to Penn Dot and they are not giving any special events or anything out this year. We could send a letter to the Commissioner's telling them no left turn out of the parking lot because it backs up the traffic, this is public safety.

Solicitor Nanovic is not sure how that would be handled with traffic coming out of a parking lot onto the state road.

Police Chief Schatz said he will research this.

Police

**MOTION:** Thomas Highland second Joanne Klitsch to authorize the Borough Manager and the Police Chief to move forward with the lease for a car for the meter attendant, and to stay in budget.

YES 6

NO 0

ABSENT 1 Edith Lukasevich

Buildings/Parks

Emergency Services

JTFD – Jay Miller presentation to Council regarding purchase of two pieces of fire equipment

Borough Manager Sterner said the West Broadway Parking Permit there are changes to it.

Borough Manager Sterner said the STR ordinance has been redrafted and given to the committee to review, then to JTPC and to council.

Mr. Yeastedt said he will be meeting with BIA concerning the stormwater comprehensive plan and review it with them, to see if it's feasible and is it worth it for us to do. We need to get a plan together to address the problems.

Borough Manager Sterner said we need to know what kind of money we will need to budget.

Old Business

Permit Parking West Broadway  
Short Term Rental  
Parking Study  
Stormwater Installation Plan  
Blight Landbank  
457 Plan

Order Signs for Permit Parking WB  
Past Due Garbage Accounts  
Permit Parking Ordinance  
Readdressing Phase II  
Zoning Ordinance Group Homes

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**Executive Session**

Litigation

**MOTION:** Michael Yeasted second Joanne Klitsch to go into executive session for litigation and personnel.

YES 6

NO 0

ABSENT 1 Edith Lukasevich

Into executive session at 9:43 pm

Back at 10:30 pm

**Adjourn**

**MOTION:** Michael Yeasted second Kyle Sheckler to adjourn.

YES 6

NO 0

ABSENT 1 Edith Lukasevich

Adjourned at 10:31

Respectfully submitted

  
Louise McClafferty  
Borough Secretary