

Borough of Jefferson Hills
 Regular Meeting of Council
 October 9, 2006

The regular meeting of Council was called to order by President Militzer at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Center, 925 Old Clairton Road. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Mayor Green and Council Members Cmar, King, Kulish, Oskin, Serapiglia, Weir and Militzer answered to roll call. Acting Engineer Orié, Police Chief Reagan, Solicitor LoPresti, Interim Manager Arndt, and Public Service Coordinator McVicker were also present.

CITIZENS:

Deborah Cudlipp, Floreffe Volunteer Fire Company Secretary and Calvin Felix , Gill Hall Volunteer Fire Chief - distributed a report of the history of the Foreign Fire Insurance money. The handout also reported that two years ago Council starting dividing the Foreign Fire Insurance into the following distribution: 50% to Jefferson 885 VFC, 25% to Gill Hall VFC and 25% to Floreffe VFC. The report, which was signed by the officers and members of both Gill Hall and Floreffe VFCs, requested Council take the politics out of the fire service, and distribute the foreign fire allocations equally between it's three fire companies. Dr. Kulish advised he was on Council two years ago, and felt the decision had nothing to do with politics, but more with the fact that Jefferson 885 had to take over for the Large Fire Company when they dissolved. Mr. Weir stated he wanted to make sure all three fire companies are treated fairly. Mr. Serapiglia replied, since the fire companies are calling for equality, are they willing to divide their door-to-door fundraising money also. Mrs. Cmar advised Jefferson 885 sells beer at Community Day and might not want to share in their profits. She felt any fundraising each fire company does personally should stay with their fire company. Mr. Militzer advised there is a meeting scheduled for Thursday at 7:45 p.m. between all the fire chiefs, the Mayor, Mr. Weir, Mrs. Cmar and himself.

Waterman East Landslide - Road Construction Bids Received: September 27, 2006, 11:00 a.m.		
CONTRACTOR	10% BID BOND	TOTAL
Allison Park Contractors Inc.	10%	\$266,960
C.H. & D. Enterprises Inc.	10%	408,288
Five - R Excavating Inc.	10%	380,973
Joseph Vaccarello Jr Inc.	10%	296,589
Michael Facchiano Contracting	10%	328,790
Pugliano Construction	10%	320,005

Mr. Orié explained the costs are approximately \$20,000 higher due to the increase in construction costs since it was originally bid a year ago. A discussion ensued on the easements and right-of-way issues.

On the recommendation of the Borough Engineer, Mr. Oskin moved to award the bid for Waterman East Landslide - Road Construction to Allison Park Contractors Inc., in the amount of \$266,960, seconded by Mr. Serapiglia and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Cmar moved the record of public hearing September 6, 2006 be approved, seconded by Mr. Weir and carried unanimously.

Mr. King moved to ratify the executive session September 20, 2006 for personnel matters, seconded by Mr. Oskin and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Cmar moved to ratify the executive session September 21, 2006 for personnel matters, seconded by Mr. Militzer and carried unanimously.

Dr. Kulish moved the September 2006 bills be approved as follows: General Fund \$318,614.09, Disbursement Pension Fund \$4,361.55, Sewer Revenue Account \$18,779.27, Escrow Account \$11,112.19, Highway Aid Fund \$7,128.65, Sewer & Water Assessment \$96.10, Storm Sewer \$459.40, Fire Tax \$127,013.00 and Ambulance Tax \$45,868.75, seconded by Mr. Oskin and carried on a 5-2 roll call vote. Council Members Kulish, Oskin, Serapiglia, Weir and Militzer voted yes. Council Members Cmar and King voted no.

Mr. Weir moved the payrolls for the month of September 2006 be approved as follows: General Fund \$137,483.83, ESA General Fund \$1,656.27 and Sewer Revenue Account \$3,196.99 seconded by Mr. Serapiglia and carried unanimously.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

1) Corrective Action Plans

West Elizabeth Sewershed: The aerial survey work and plan of the area are completed and have been transmitted to the Geotechnical Engineer for inclusion of the report. The plan will have to have additional features included, such as property lines, easements, utilities and other pertinent land information.

The West Elizabeth Sanitary Authority (WESA) has transmitted the latest version of the agreement to the Borough and its solicitors for review. We are attaching with this report, letters of support that could be included with the PennWORKS application.

There are no tap restrictions being imposed by the Department of Environmental protection (DEP) in this watershed.

Clairton: The Corrective Action Plan (CAP) is continuing to move forward, with the status as follows:

1. Dye Testing - A letter was sent requesting to use SHACOG for this item.
2. CCTV and Cleaning - The CCTV work is scheduled for around the first of the year to coincide with the new budget.
3. Mapping - Control has been placed in the Borough and the rendering is underway by the photo company.
4. Repair and location of manholes - Work on this item is ongoing.

5. Flow monitoring - Ongoing
6. Repair contracts - Soli Construction Inc. has completed the project.

There are tap restrictions being imposed by DEP in this watershed.

2) Planning Commission

Andrew Acres Phase II - The Planning Commission and Borough Engineer recommend preliminary approval subject to the final approval of the Borough's Geotechnical Engineer.

2nd Amendment to Jefferson Estates Phase III - The Planning Commission and Borough Engineer recommend preliminary and final approval of the Plan.

3) Mapping/Storm Water Phase II

The Borough has been sampling the outfalls as required in the Permit. No unauthorized or illicit discharges have been found to date in the outfalls tested.

4) FEMA Projects - Waterman Road East

The plans and specifications are complete; all that is needed is the County Conservation District's approval for grading. Bids were received on September 27, 2006 with a total of five bidders. We met with the property owners adjacent to the site on September 13, 2006 to explain the plans and need for construction easements. The Borough has currently received approximately \$400,000 for projects from the FEMA.

5) Bond Issue Projects

Lick Run

The Lick Run Part II permit has been issued and we are awaiting the beginning of construction by Maronda. There are a few minor details that need to be resolved and one of them is the acquisition of two easements. The Borough Engineer recommended the Borough Manager and staff meet with the residents and the Borough Engineer to resolve any outstanding easement issues.

Salt Storage Facility

A presentation was given by the Borough Engineer and Architect for the project on September 26, 2006. A copy of the proposed site plan was distributed.

The site was determined to have two wetlands, one of which is directly in conflict with the development plans. Mitigation plans have to be developed even though the wetlands are in the center of the coal pile and are of no value. These wetlands could possibly delay construction.

Maintenance to Municipal Building

A presentation was given by the Borough Engineer and Architect for the project on September 26, 2006. A copy of the report was distributed.

6) Road Program

The contract is complete with no outstanding punchlist items. On the recommendation of the Borough Engineer, Mr. Oskin moved to approve payment of Current Estimate No. 1 and Final in the amount of \$265,740.95 for Peter J. Caruso & Sons, Inc. for the 2006 Road Program in the Borough, subject to the Borough receiving and approving the bond, seconded Dr. Kulish and carried unanimously.

7) Sewer Charges to West Mifflin

Staff met with the Authority representative and described the method that South Park is billed and offered for West Mifflin to be equal to that of South Park. If Council agrees, then the Borough should send a letter to West Mifflin.

8) Feasibility of Drilling on Borough Property

A meeting occurred to review the impacts that any potential drilling would have on all Borough property or if it can be done in a fashion to benefit the use of the properties. The gas company will get back to the Borough when they have proposals.

9) Wray Large Road Embankment Failure

A plan for Scarlet Oaks was brought into the staff meeting for the general discussions that touched both Wray Large Road and Route 51. After discussions with PennDOT, it was decided that a replacement road through this development and the creation of a new signalized intersection on Route 51 may be possible. This would avoid the potential cost of \$1.5 million for the replacement of Wray Large Road.

A meeting occurred between the Developer, the Borough Engineer and Trans Associates to review the proposed layout and suggest changes. Changes are to be made to the plans per the Borough's comments, then the plan would be submitted through the land development process.

10) Stevens Plan of Lots Development

The Developer has requested that we accept the improvements in the first and second phase of the plan. The as-builts and legal descriptions have recently been provided to Gateway.

11) Planning Module Updates

This was completed and forwarded to the Clairton Municipal Authority. A copy was distributed.

PUBLIC SERVICE COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

Mr. McVicker reported the following calls: Jefferson Ambulance 132, Floreffé 10, Gill Hall 18, and Jefferson 885 31. Mr. McVicker reported the Road Department will start tomorrow refurbishing the storm sewers on Stillely Road from Dale Street to Fawn Drive. Emergency lights at Tepe Park parking lot have been installed and are now working.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT:

Mr. Arndt reported he has been Interim Manager for only one week now, and he wanted to thank Council for the opportunity. He advised the budget is currently being evaluated for next year, and requested Council contact him with any issues. Mr. Miltzer apologized, then introduced Mr. Arndt to the audience as the new Interim Borough Manager.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:

Mayor Green reported police activities for September as follows: 71 citations issued, 15 traffic accidents with 6 injuries, and 773 calls answered.

Chief Reagan thanked his officers, EMS and fire companies for their work on the injuries from the accidents, one of which was a pedestrian accident. Chief Reagan thanked Dr. Kulish for his help and expertise in freeing a couple from their car as it hung upside down.

Chief Reagan received a letter of thanks for Officer O'Leary for offering assistance at an accident while off duty. He was able to keep the individual who caused the accident from fleeing the scene.

Chief Reagan received a letter from an attorney's office who sent a representative to our Safety Class taught by Officer Behers. She was very impressed by the class and hoped the department would expand this program.

Mr. Weir asked if all the traffic accidents happen in the same area, and Chief Reagan replied they are spread out on Rt. 51 and Coal Valley Road.

SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT: SEPTEMBER 2006

Josephine Lipnicky reported \$954,292.71 collected in Real Estate Tax for August 26 - September 15, 2006 (Deposit #88 - #137). She enclosed eight refunds due to Official Change Orders totaling \$2,166.53, as follows: Year 2003 H. Krikorian \$178.32, Year 2004 H. Krikorian \$216.84, Year 2005 H. Krikorian \$216.84, Year 2005 A. Betler \$613.67, Year 2006 H. Krikorian \$216.84, A. Betler \$107.04, A. Betler \$613.67 and S. Richard \$3.31.

Pennsylvania Municipal Service Company remitted \$45,610.04 collected in Earned Income Tax, enclosed a bill for commissions due \$1,026.23; \$1,018.26 collected in Emergency Municipal Service Tax, enclosed a bill for commissions due \$22.91; and collected \$242,160.20 in sewage charges, enclosed a bill for account status letters, postage and commissions due \$2,232.80.

Keystone Municipal Collections remitted \$12,827.86 collected in delinquent Real Estate Tax for August 26, 2006 through September 26, 2006 and enclosed a bill for \$863.80 for commissions and costs advanced.

Central Tax Bureau of Pennsylvania reported \$4.21 collected in Mercantile Tax for August and enclosed a bill on tax commissions due \$.21.

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania remitted \$15,919.36 in Sales Tax.

Berkheimer Associates remitted \$25,306.94 collected in garbage fees and enclosed a bill for commissions due \$632.67.

Creditech, Inc. remitted \$292.50 collected in delinquent garbage fees and enclosed a bill for \$67.48 commissions due.

The Public Service Coordinator reported \$4,712.50 in building permits, \$150.00 in grading permits, \$1,100.00 in Planning Commission fees, \$490.00 in occupancy permits, \$7,850.00 in escrow fees; \$6,000.00 in tap-in permits, \$63,672.19 in sewage charges; and \$165.00 in dye tests.

The Secretary/Treasurer reported as follows: General Fund \$1,397,959.12, Payroll Account \$153,225.83, Sewer Revenue \$257,440.65, Sewer & Water Assessment \$1,500.00, Storm Sewer \$55.00, Escrow Account \$18,326.50, Highway Aid \$455.00, Police Pension \$3,745.15, Disbursement Pension Fund - Class "A" \$4,326.90, Fire Tax Account \$76,608.04, Ambulance Tax Account \$16,723.84, and 2005 GOB Project Fund \$20,410.00.

The Secretary/Treasurer reported checking account balances on hand September 30 as follows: General Fund \$5,205.79, Payroll Account \$5,007.23, Sewer Revenue \$3,557.26, Sewer & Water Assessment \$2.83, Storm Sewer \$5.92, Escrow Account \$6.79, Highway Aid \$1.84, Police Pension \$-0-, Disbursement Pension Fund - Class "A" \$-0-, Service Employees Pension Fund - Class "B" \$5.00, Police Department DARE Program \$9.88, General Fund Contingency Account \$5.00, Gill Hall Park Renovation Fund \$3.72, Forfeiture Account \$8.72; Special Account No. 1 \$6.43, Fire Tax Account \$0.31, Ambulance Tax Account \$0.80, CMA Sewer Trunk Line Ext. Account \$6.03, 2005 GOB Project Fund \$5.00, and 2005 Special Capital Account \$5.00.

The Secretary/Treasurer reported investments with Sky Bank totaling \$8,655,610.64.

Mr. Weir moved the commissions and refunds be paid, seconded by Mr. King and carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS:

The Secretary/Treasurer read a letter from the Planning Commission advising at the regular meeting September 25, 2006 members recommended the following:

1. Preliminary approval was granted to Columbus Family Partners, LLP for a 30-lot subdivision known as Andrew Andrews Phase II subject to further review by the Borough's Geotechnical Engineer of the potential problems as defined by Mr. Alvi to ensure the longevity of the Borough's newly-constructed streets and sewers.
2. To grant a 30-day extension at the request of Robert J. Nix/dba Nix Associates for a Land Development known as Nix Equipment Storage Facility, located at 1200 Cochran Mill Road (Lot & Block 662-G-12) until the October 23, 2006 Planning Commission meeting.
3. Preliminary and final approval was granted for subdividing Lots 312A, 312B, 315A and 315B through newly-constructed units to create party walls, known as 2nd Amendment to Jefferson Estates Phase III, located off of Gill Hall Road on Harlin Drive, owned by Gill Hall Land Co.

AGENDA ITEMS:

Mrs. Cmar moved to grant preliminary and final approval of the 2nd Amendment to Jefferson Estates Phase III, subdividing Lots 312A, 312B, 315A and 315B through newly-constructed units to create party walls on Harlin Drive by Gill Hall Land Co., seconded by Mr. Oskin and carried unanimously.

Mr. Serapiglia moved to grant preliminary approval of Andrew Acres Phase II, a 30-lot subdivision at the end of Andrew Drive by Columbus Family Partners LLP, seconded by Dr. Kulish and carried unanimously.

Mr. Militzer read Ordinance No. 784, "ACCEPTING AND DEDICATING GROVE COURT IN THE WOODS OF JEFFERSON PHASE 4 AS A PUBLIC STREET." On the recommendation of the Borough Engineer, Mrs. Cmar moved to adopt Ordinance No. 784, seconded by Mr. Oskin and carried unanimously.

Mr. Militzer read Ordinance No. 785, "ACCEPTING AND DEDICATING CHESTNUT RIDGE DRIVE AND LAUREL RIDGE DRIVE IN THE 1ST REVISION OF CHAMBERLIN RIDGE PLAN PHASE 1." Council considered tabling the ordinance, and Mr. Orié replied Council could extend the Maintenance Bond instead of tabling. John Thatcher, Developer of Chamberlin Ridge, came from the audience to speak to Council. He explained there is a Developer's Agreement that states once he completes the road, the Borough is to accept it. He advised there is a minimum of 18 months for the Maintenance Bond to be established. He explained he typically does not collect the Maintenance Bond until all the houses are built, at which time he will put the topcoat on the road. For legal reasons, he would prefer the Borough accept the street. After a lengthy discussion, Mr. Thatcher agreed to barricade Chestnut Ridge and to put up yellow caution tape on Old Clairton Road during football games. Mr. Serapiglia moved to table the ordinance, seconded by Dr. Kulish and carried unanimously.

Mr. Militzer read Ordinance No. 785, "AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 712, "TO 1) REVISE THE DEFINITION OF OFF-PREMISES DIRECTIONAL SIGN; 2) AUTHORIZE OFF-PREMISES DIRECTIONAL SIGNS FOR REAL ESTATE OPEN HOUSES AND NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN ALL ZONING DISTRICTS; AND 3) AUTHORIZE OFF-PREMISES DIRECTIONAL SIGNS FOR BUSINESSES IN THE COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL, OFFICE PARK AND BUSINESS PARK DISTRICTS." After Mr. King was assured the ordinance restricted the size and placement of the signs, Mr. Oskin moved to adopt Ordinance No. 785, seconded by Dr. Kulish and carried unanimously.

Mr. Militzer read Ordinance No. 786, "AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 712, "TO 1) DELETE TWO-FAMILY DWELLINGS AS CONDITIONAL USE IN THE R-2 DISTRICT; 2) DELETE LOT SIZE, LOT WIDTH AND YARD REQUIREMENTS FOR TWO-FAMILY DWELLINGS IN THE R-2 DISTRICT; 3) REVISE LOT AREA AND LOT WIDTH REQUIREMENTS FOR TWO-FAMILY DWELLINGS IN THE R-3 AND R-4 DISTRICTS; 4) DELETE STANDARDS FOR TWO-FAMILY DWELLINGS IN A PLANNED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE R-2 DISTRICT; AND 5) DELETE CONDITIONAL USE CRITERIA FOR TWO-FAMILY DWELLINGS IN THE R-2 DISTRICT." Mr. Militzer moved to adopt Ordinance No. 786, seconded by Mrs. Cmar and carried unanimously.

Mr. Militzer read Ordinance No. 787, "AMENDING THE SUBDIVISION & LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE CHAPTER 22 TO: 1) ADD A DEFINITION FOR PROFESSIONAL

CONSULTANTS; 2) REVISE PROVISIONS GOVERNING RESOLUTION INDICATING APPROVAL; 3) EXCLUDE IMPROVEMENTS GUARANTEED BY PUBLIC UTILITY OR MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY BONDS FROM BOROUGH COMPLETION BOND; 4) REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENTS; 5) REVISE PROCEDURES FOR RECORDING OF FINAL PLAT; 6) LIMIT FREQUENCY OF REQUESTS FOR RELEASE OF COMPLETION BONDS; 7) DELETE PROVISIONS FOR REINSTATING FINAL APPROVAL; 8) REVISE PROCEDURES FOR REVISIONS TO PREVIOUSLY RECORDED PLANS; 9) DELETE PROVISIONS REGARDING TRANSFER OF UNBUILDABLE PARCELS; AND 10) REVISE PROCEDURES FOR RESOLVING DISPUTES OVER APPLICATION REVIEW FEES AND INSPECTION FEES.” Mr. Serapiglia moved to adopt Ordinance No. 787, seconded by Mrs. Cmar and carried unanimously.

Mr. Militzer read Resolution No. 26-2006, “RESCINDING AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 12-2006, WHICH ACCEPTED A DEED OF EASEMENT FOR A STORM AND SANITARY CONNECTION TO PROPERTY IN THE WOODS OF JEFFERSON PHASE 3.” Mrs. Cmar moved to adopt Resolution No. 26-2006, seconded by Mr. Serapiglia and carried unanimously.

Mr. Militzer read Resolution No. 27-2006, “AUTHORIZING DISTRIBUTION OF 2006 PENNSYLVANIA GENERAL MUNICIPAL PENSION SYSTEM AID.” Mrs. Cmar moved to adopt Resolution No. 27-2006, seconded by Mr. Oskin and carried unanimously.

Mr. Militzer read Resolution No. 28-2006, “DESIGNATING SKY BANK AS DEPOSITORY OF BOROUGH FUNDS AND AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES OF BOROUGH OFFICERS.” Mr. King moved to adopt Resolution No. 28-2006, seconded by Dr. Kulish and carried unanimously.

Mr. Militzer read Resolution No. 29-2006, “AMENDING THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION RULES & REGULATIONS”. Mr. Oskin moved to adopt Resolution No. 29-2006, seconded by Mr. Weir and carried unanimously.

Mr. Militzer read Resolution No. 30-2006, “AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 18-2006 REGARDING INTERIM BOROUGH MANAGER SALARY POSITIONS EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 2, 2006.” Mrs. Cmar moved to adopt Resolution No. 30-2006, seconded by Mr. Weir and carried unanimously.

Mr. Militzer read Resolution No. 31-2006, “ADOPTING THE COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY HAZARD VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT & MITIGATION PLAN.” At the request of Mr. Weir, Mr. Alvin Henderson explained the plan for the public. Mr. Serapiglia moved to adopt Resolution No. 31-2006, subject to changes by Alvin Henderson, seconded by Mr. Weir and carried unanimously.

Dr. Kulish moved to acknowledge and accept the satisfactory passing of a non-competitive exam administered to Martin Reagan by the Jefferson Hills Civil Service Commission on September 21, 2006, for the position of Chief of Police; and to acknowledge and confirm that the examination administered to Martin Reagan by the Jefferson Hills Civil Service Commission on September 21, 2006, was administered at the direction, request and nomination of the Council of the Borough of Jefferson Hills, pursuant to Section 1184(c) of the Borough Code; and such request and nomination of Martin Reagan to the Civil Service Commission of the Borough of Jefferson Hills for the position of Chief of Police is hereby ratified, seconded by Mr. Oskin and carried unanimously.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Mr. Weir invited all to attend the Economic Development Commission meeting on Thursday, October 26, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. He reported the Borough will be receiving a letter from EDC requesting the Borough develop architectural standards for commercial buildings to avoid the big box problem. He showed pictures of a McDonald's restaurant that blended into its surroundings and was architecturally pleasing to the community. He reported a representative from Smart Growth will be at the upcoming EDC meeting to speak about how this can be done.

Mr. Weir reported in accordance with last week's meeting, the distribution of the Foreign Fire Insurance allocation will be placed on the November agenda.

Mr. King asked the status of the model homes at the intersection of Coal Valley Road and Route 51 that are owned by Columbus Homes. Mr. Michael Columbus, in the audience, reported there are several issues with this property. The state took part of their parking lot when they widened Rt. 51, and the County took another part of their side parking lot when they widened Coal Valley Road. Mr. Columbus advised nothing they can do will allow them to rebuild because of the setback of both roads. Mr. King suggested they continue to be maintained so they do not become an eyesore.

Mr. King thanked Chief Reagan for arrests for the problem of underage drinking at Beedle Park.

Mr. King suggested Council, when preparing the budget, keep in mind for Beedle Park; 1) there is still speeding in the park and he suggested speed bumps be installed, and 2) a walking path running parallel with the road, would keep residents safer than if they had to share the road with cars.

Mr. Serapiglia moved to send a letter to DCED representative, Dennis Puko and DCNR representative Kathy Franklin informing them that we had no interest from Pleasant Hills or the school district to enter into a grant program to develop a new Comprehensive Plan with the recreational component, therefore, we are seeking the grant money, which would be 50% funded on the DCED side and up to 50% on DCNR. Mr. Serapiglia advised Rostraver Township could not get Belle Vernon to enter in with them, but DCED did fund Rostraver's Comprehensive Plan. Motion seconded by Dr. Kulish and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Cmar reported the Moon Lite Motel is an eyesore and asked what could be done to clean up that area. Mr. McVicker advised it was just sold and letters have been sent to the new owners.

Solicitor LoPresti reported a car came around a bend on Coal Valley Road near his house and ended up in a tree on the edge of a ravine on his property. By the time Mr. LoPresti came out of his house to survey the damage, fire trucks were already on the scene, and Dr. Kulish's son, who lives across the street, had run home to start up the backhoe, so when Dr. Kulish arrived home, he could drive it to the scene. When Dr. Kulish arrived at the scene in the backhoe, he with the help of all the firemen, police officers and Nicky Nickolich, stabilized the car and removed it safely from the property. He wished to publicly thank all those who were involved in protecting his family and property. Dr. Kulish announced his admiration for the fire department on their coordination at the scene as they cut and removed the windshield and pulled the two trapped unhurt passengers from the demolished car. Dr. Kulish stated that section of Coal Valley Road is very dangerous to drive on especially in wet weather, as the surface is very slick and there are two types of surfaces transitioned at that bend.

In response to Mayor Green's request, a short meeting was scheduled for after Thursday's meeting to review resumes to fill the Fire Chief and Battalion Chief positions.

Mayor Green announced Halloween will be celebrated October 31 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Officer Gawlas and his wife Kim will be passing out Halloween candy at the Municipal Center.

Mayor Green thanked Solicitor LoPresti for donating his time to attend the EDC meetings.

Chief Reagan advised he would like to make next month's Council meeting a Public Safety Awards meeting to recognize deserving employees and volunteers of the Borough. Mrs. Mortle was instructed to add this item to November's agenda.

Solicitor LoPresti offered to work with Chief Reagan on drafting an alcoholic open container ordinance.

Mr. Militzer wished to set up an executive meeting for fire, EMS, police and department heads when needed to be proactive for problems that arise. He advised the police department is to be cross-trained with the fire fighters as they are usually the first ones on the scene of an accident.

Mr. Militzer instructed Mr. Arndt to look into upgrading the sound system in Council Chambers. Mr. Weir advised we are over budget in a lot of items.

Mayor Green thanked Eastman Chemical for donating equipment to the fire companies.

Mr. Militzer reported he and Chief Reagan had breakfast with Mr. Zappala in an attempt to secure funding. Mr. Zappala offered to take two or three firemen to South Carolina to be trained in arson at no cost to the Borough.

Mr. Militzer adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m. with an executive session to follow to discuss personnel matters on motion by Mr. King, seconded by Mr. Militzer and carried unanimously.

Saundra J. Mortle
Secretary/Treasurer