The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of East Rochester was held Wednesday, June, 6, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Lacock Dwellings Community Center, East Rochester, Pa.

PRESENT: Joyce Gordon, Jim Simon, Kendra Hill, Joe Seminick and Cathy Hutsky.

ABSENT: none

ALSO, PRESENT: Mayor Bob Knox, Solicitor Paul Steff, Engineer Jeff Frye, and Police Chief Frank Mercier, Debra Ahern, Tax Collector and Sam Landis, Maintenance Worker

CITIZENS: John Drumm, Marie Knox, Mark Hill, MaryAnne Hoffman & Catie Hutsky

CITIZENS REPORT: *John Drumm*: Mr. Drumm stated that he has heard rumors going around the Borough that he owns the firehall. He stated that he has nothing to do with the firehall. He said everything he did – he did for the Borough and was for the Borough. He addressed Cathy Hutsky and said he isn't sure if it's her or her Mother spreading these rumors, but he won't stand for it. Mr. Drumm said he's had 2 people accuse him saying the firehall is in his name and he wants it stopped. Mr. Drumm said if council doesn't want to give him work when he bids, he doesn't care. He came to this meeting to get this off his chest because he's tired of hearing about him owning the firehall. Mr. Drumm stated the firehall has nothing left to do, they can't pay the bills, they were told to not sell anything else, because of the fact council needs to get fire protection. Mr. Drumm told Cathy Hutsky that they need to stop talking behind his back, to have the respect to come to him personally one on one.

Marie Knox: Marie Knox told council she is interested in starting a recreation committee. She would like to get volunteers together to possibly clean-up the community and work on the playground. President Gordon asked if she has spoken to the chair-person of recreation, Cathy Hutsky. Ms. Knox stated this was the first meeting she has been to and she wanted to bring her idea to the Board first. Ms. Knox wants to get more people involved. Cathy Hutsky mentioned possibly having a movie night. Cathy Hutsky and Ms. Knox will get together and pursue the committee, getting volunteers etc.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: President Gordon asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion was made by Jim Simon to accept the minutes and seconded by Joe Seminick. By way of roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: The secretary reported receipt of Rochester Public Library's newsletter, which includes a request for donations. The secretary reported the minutes from the RAJSA meeting from May 10, 2018 are in the office for council's review. Borough secretary informed council she has been corresponding with Tracy Jackson from Duquesne Light to keep updated on the Route 65 project. The secretary will keep in contact to find out the status of the project and to get updated on a refund for the amount of time the lights were not functioning. President Gordon spoke to the lights on the Rochester-Monaca bridge stating that when she attended the June COG meeting she spoke to Mario Leone (Manager of Monaca), and he stated that at this point the lights on the Monaca side of the bridge are not LED's. Manager Leone and President Gordon are planning on meeting to discuss the possibility of applying for a grant to get LED's for the entire bridge. Cathy Hutsky mentioned the light at the flag pole is out – she was advised to contact fire chief Hermick and ask if the department can bring a fire truck over and get the bulb changed.

Bid Opening: 1986 Chevrolet ¾ ton 4x4 Diesel pick-up truck

#1	Alex Hill	- $600.00
#2	Jerimiah Hupp	- $553.23
#3	Anthony Rossi	- $850.00
#4	Tony Lombardo	- $400.00
#5	Rick Krepps	- $525.00
#6	Gaudino	- $360.00

High Bid - #3 - $850.00 Anthony Rossi

Solicitor Steff stated the Borough of East Rochester reserves the right to waive any formal defects or any irregularities and reserves the right to reject any and all bids. No bidder may withdraw his bid within 30 days after the actual opening thereof. The solicitor prepared a resolution for sale for council to adopt if they so choose if they feel the price is acceptable. President Gordon asked council if they thought the high bid of $850.00 was an acceptable bid or did they want to sell it out right Jim Simon stated it was ½ of what they paid for the new truck they just purchased. Kendra Hill said the other bids were much lower. Motion was made by Joe Seminick to accept the $850.00 bid made by Anthony Rossi and seconded by Cathy Hutsky. By way of roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

Solicitor Steff presented a resolution for council's review authorizing the sale of the Borough's 1986 Chevrolet ¾ ton pick-up 4x4 diesel truck to the best responsible bidder to keep in the borough office in the permanent records of the sale of the vehicle. Kendra Hill made a motion to adopt resolution #6-6-18 authorizing Borough Council of the sale of the vehicle and Jim Simon seconded the motion. By way of roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

MAYOR and POLICE: Mayor Knox reported there were 84 calls for service this month. Mayor Knox reported the bush at the property on 5th Street has not been cut down but has been trimmed all around and is no longer a sight problem. President Gordon agreed. Mayor Knox asked council for approval to have information put on the website – re: towing vehicles – violations for no plates – no stickers etc. and he would like approval by next meeting. Code Officer Clay stated the Webmaster loads information on the website. President Gordon spoke to it and said the Secretary has been trained in that area. The secretary said she can put small items on the website – but if what the Mayor wants gets too lengthy – he would have to speak to the Webmaster. Chief Mercier interjected for the Mayor to be cautious that before anything goes on the website to make sure all ordinances are reviewed so that they are kept in accordance with. The Chief referenced several different scenarios that must be adhered to according to vehicle codes and if they are not, East Rochester could find itself in legal trouble. Mayor Knox stated he would get with Chief Mercier before he asked the secretary to put anything on the website. Mayor Knox spoke to council regarding information he had received about a mayor's conference in Lancaster that he would like to attend July 19th. President Gordon asked what the subject matter and purpose and how many days it is. The Mayor said there are workshops and it's held by the Mayors Association and it's Thursday – Friday – Saturday & Sunday. President Gordon asked if he is asking Council to pay for this, and the Mayor said "yes". Mayor Knox then realized the registration needed to be sent back in by June 29th, which would be before council meets again. Cathy Hutsky asked what the fees are and Mayor Knox said he wasn't sure – he just got the information in the mail the day before the council meeting. Cathy Hutsky stated he could go on his own cost, she was not agreeable to it. Solicitor Steff spoke to the situation explaining that new mayor's and new council people will get information in the mail and emails about seminars and conferences and it is council's discretion whether or not to permit attendance. Solicitor Steff pointed out there are many courses offered for existing council persons also, but council holds the purse strings and there are many ways that he's seen it

handled. Sometimes the cost is taken on solely by the municipality, sometimes its taken on solely by the individual, sometimes it's split between the two parties. President Gordon asked the Mayor what the registration fee and Mayor Knox is said $225.00. The Mayor said the problem he has is everything available to him are Monday through Friday daylight hours and he works everyday and he doesn't have time to go to seminars during the week unless the Borough want to pay his lost time from work which is a lot more that that. President Gordon said as tight as the purse strings are that's a lot of money, plus accommodations. She would like to say he could go, but there's nothing budgeted. Mayor Knox asked why the mayor only gets budgeted $100.00. President Gordon explained that in the past the Mayor's haven't spent over $100.00, and if they did, they paid for it on their own. Mayor Knox said "you mean they went to seminars and paid out of their own pockets", President Gordon said Jim Cable went to a few and paid his own. Mayor Knox said he doesn't have that kind of money to spend on seminars. Cathy Hutsky stated the company she works for will pay the cost of the seminar, but the employee pays the rest of the expenses. Mayor Knox says Valvoline pays for everything. Mayor Knox said we was just asking for training – if the answer is no – it's no. Cathy Hutsky also stated Community College offers some things that may be of interest. Mayor Knox said – Monday through Friday and he can't make those classes. President Gordon said there could possibly be something offered in the evening. The mayor sated he's never seen anything offered in an evening class. Mayor Knox said he talked to Mayor Jackson of Rochester Borough and the Mayor of Aliquippa and they're both retired, but they can attend things like that, he can't – he works Monday through Friday 7a.m – 3 p.m. Code Officer Clay said he goes to seminars on his own and there are different "rates" for members for weekend packages. Mayor Knox stated Rochester Borough is paying to send Mayor Jackson and they don't have a lot of money. Kendra Hill said to the Mayor that he doesn't have a definite cost for council to approve – it could be $250.00 or $1,000.00. Mayor Knox told Kendra he wasn't asking for approval, just for Council to look at it. Kendra Hill stated she understood that, but the total costs makes a difference.

STREETS & SEWERS: Jim Simon asked is it mandatory for the maintenance worker, Sam Landis, to come to the council meetings? President Gordon said no it is not, in fact she stated that she has been to several other surrounding municipality meetings (Beaver, Rochester, Rochester Twp.), where their maintenance workers are not present at the meetings Sam said President Gordon told him to come, and she said when he was first hired she did, but he does not have to attend. President Gordon said to Jim Simon that he could report on anything that had to be presented in his report going forward. Jim Simon told Council that truck that was recently purchased in March will be needing inspected (Aug.?), and he would like the maintenance man to have it looked at prior to that to determine if there is anything that might need fixing prior to, that he can do to save some money. Council agreed to that. President Gordon asked where Jim was going to have the truck looked at, and Jim said he was going to have Sam take the truck to Guy's because he doesn't charge just to "look" at it. President Gordon asked if the findings are lengthy, she asked that we then take it to someone else and get another opinion instead of just have Guy's fix it. That was also agreed upon. Mayor Knox had a question as to why the RAJSA bill has gotten so high and why we were never notified. Council told him we have no control over how high that bill goes, and that the secretary informed council in her report several months ago that there was going to be an increase in the bill. Engineer Frye explained there is a consent order that all the communities are under – ER, Rochester Twp., Rochester Borough, Freedom and RAJSA. The undertaking was $20 million and they had to increase their fees to get the revenue to pay for that. Mayor Knox asked Engineer Frye if the Borough is going to have to pay $98.00 more a quarter for sewage and Engineer Frye said yes. President Gordon asked the Engineer if he anticipates those fees going any higher. Engineer Frye said he thinks they should have it where they enough money they can pay for their anticipated costs, everything goes up eventually, but for this project the Engineer feels the project was priced accordingly. The project was for the holding tank and upgrades to the facility. Solicitor Steff explained this was all mandatory, all the municipalities and authorities involved tried to extend it, they asked for more time to get things done, to draw things out and to try to get money

together. It's hurt every user in the system. Engineer Frye said how this came from EPA to DEP to the communities. DEP called this a mini ALCASAN because of all the combined sewers.

Sam Landis told Cathy Hutsky a tree branch fell at the back of the playground and once things dry up he'll get a truck in and cut it up.

BUILDING PERMITS: Code Enforcement Officer, John Clay reported he had 9 calls, 4 zoning inquires. As with every year at this time, there are high grass complaints – 3 have already been taken care of – there are ½ dozen more that Officer Clay is addressing. Code Officer Clay had a condemnation at 818 3rd Street the Ralston property, this is the second time this house has been condemned. Code Officer Clay was made aware of the situation this time by the Rochester Police Department. The house is in deplorable conditions, actually worse this time than the last time the house was condemned – it's unlivable and unsafe - ingress/egress into the structure – unsanitary conditions inside and outside – no cooking facilities. Code Officer Clay has been working with the police and the proper social agencies and taking the necessary steps to have 1 of the residents relocated – an elderly gentleman. Code officer Clay spoke with Amy from Office on Aging to remove him. Code Officer Clay said the social worker was moving along quickly to rectify the situation, so he's hoping it'll be before the 15-day notice to leave the premises is up. Code Officer Clay provided Amy a copy of the notice so she would have all the necessary information and so she would realize the serious intent of the Borough, which might also help them relocate him ASAP. President Gordon mentioned her concern that the property is major fire risk. Code Officer Clay agreed, but also reiterated that the property is beyond disgusting, he said he's been in a lot of bad places and this would be in the top 5 worst. Cathy Hutsky asked Code Officer Clay if there is anything that can be done at the vacant house on Oak Street, she's concerned that people are getting in the house because she thinks the house is unlocked. Code Officer Clay explained that there are no heirs to the estate which makes it a difficult situation to deal with the property for a permanent solution. Cathy Hutsky stated if Officer Clay knows if the house is "secure". Code Officer Clay said the last time he was there the house was locked, there are lights on at night. Cathy Hutsky stated she is afraid there are people getting in the house and there could be medicine in the house Cathy Hutsky asked if the house could be boarded up in an attempt to keep people out. Code Officer Clay said he could condemn it and board it up, but it's not going to go any further than that. He had this same problem on Pine, the junkies come in, rip the ply wood off go in and that's that. But, if the Borough pays for the materials and the maintenance worker assists, that can be done, but even that isn't a guarantee to keep people out. Jim Simon warned the maintenance man to stay off the back porch, it's not in good shape. President Gordon said she believes the electric is still on, and Code Officer Clay said he thinks it is, even though the owner has been deceased for a year now, someone must be paying the bill or the electric company would have shut the service off. Cathy Hutsky said there's a rumor that there's a 14-year-old boy the police want to catch living in the house. President Gordon asked Code Officer Clay if he knew if he had any information on this situation. Code Officer Clay stated the mother of this particular boy said he has been caught by the police. Chief Mercier said "if it's a 14-year-old boy – I can't comment on that – sorry but that's a juvenile".

FINANCE & BUDGET: The secretary reported the Schedule of Bills presented to each councilperson totaled $20,690.68 for the month. Solicitor Steff asked council allow the bill for the tax collectors bond be added to the schedule of bills for the month bringing the total to $21,182.63. The bond (which is shared with the school district) was delayed up from being paid in previous months bills due to the mis-spelling of the tax collectors name by the surety company and needed corrected before the bond could be issued. Also, the bond used to be invoiced every 4 years and is now being invoiced

annually. A motion was made by Jim Simon to approve the bills with the tax collector bond added, seconded by Joe Seminick. By way of roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

TAX REPORT: There was $52.182.63 collected in May 2016 and the tax collector's commission was $1,582.40. Kendra Hill made a motion to approve the bills and the tax collector's report and commission. It was seconded by Cathy Hutsky. By way of roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

President Gordon asked Code Officer Clay about a tree at Mr. Taylor's at 1 Willow Avenue if he looked at the situation. Code Officer Clay stated the down tree was on a private right-of-way, he did speak to Mr. Taylor and it was taken care of.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Jim Simon reported that the department is waiting on council's decision for fire protection. President Gordon stated Council would go into executive session to discuss the matter.

SOLICITOR: Solicitor, Paul Steff stated he had nothing further other than the bond for the tax collector which he already discussed under the bills. Mayor Knox asked the Solicitor if the ordinances on the website are up to date. Code Officer Clay stated they are. He also stated the codebook needs updated but that would cost $50 - $60,000 (est.)

BOROUGH ENGINEERING: Jeff Frye stated he received correspondence from DEP about the debris deflectors – DEP is requesting additional information. Engineer Frye does not have the original drawings, so he contacted Chester Engineering but the man who has access to the drawings is on vacation so as soon as he returns, he will get those and send them to DEP so the project can move forward. Engineer Frye explained that on 5th Street Council asked that he get bids and the original estimate was 70 feet, but when the Engineer really looked at the job it was more like 200 feet. To pave 5th Street 2 bids were received to mill approx. 10' x 220' – haul away millings – install wedge curb – pave 10' x 200' & seal. A bid was received by G&K Watterson Paving out of Darlington for $5660.00 and a second bid was received from Drumm & Sons Contracting in the amount of $11,555.00

The Engineer put a bid out for a second project on 5th Street to install 100' of 15" pipe on the north side of 5th Street from the existing inlet near 894 Oak Avenue down to the stream. Includes topsoil, yard restoration and repair of asphalt near inlet with cold patch. The Engineer received 2 bids – the first was from Drumm & Sons Contracting for $5,265.00. The second was from Chaffee Excavating, Inc. for $5,900.00.

The last project on 5th Street Council wanted the Engineer to look at was the section that had previously been discussed about the installation of Gambian baskets. Engineer Frye informed Council that he has looked at this section of road again and isn't sure Gambian baskets is the "fix" for the problem. He thinks the hillside needs stability. Instead of the baskets the Engineer thinks possibly dig out and build up with stone and pack in to protect the hillside and protect the road, reset the guiderail in that area when done. A permit would be needed to do this, but it might be able to be done under "maintenance". OR – the Engineer had a GO technical guy look at it and he also concluded that the baskets were not the answer. Engineer Frye asked about the stone, and he said it would work, but what we really need to do is extend the pipe, fill that area in, and as long as it's under 100 ft, it could be done as an emergency, but you still need a general permit. If you go under 100 ft. and 100 sq. mile drainage area, these would qualify as an emergency permit. We could go in and fill that 100 ft. in (we'd need a source of fill material). That would be the best solution- East Rochester may own enough of the property over to

where the slide is, we could pull the guide rail and reset it. The only thing the Engineer thinks we have enough right-of-way there, we may get on some other resident's property, which he thinks they should be glad to get rid of the ditch right there and they would have more yard. The one little area there's actually a parcel there's nothing on it – a vacant lot – lot #3 (Restak Plan)? It's a portion of that lot – if we go that route we could get a release to do that. Engineer Frye didn't pursue bids – he wanted to discuss this with council. The other option the Engineer stated, although he explained would be costly, would be to take the curb out of the hill, straighten out the road (rights-of-way would have to be obtained), reconstruct the road. The Engineer knows there isn't this kind of money in the budget for this option, so council can either put the pipe in and get the permit or go further and get a permit and try and put stone in and rebuild from the bottom.

The other thing is there's a pipe coming out by JR's and it shoots water into that area. Engineer Frye suggested that if an inlet was put over top of that pipe, that would elevate some of that water and cut down on the water going into that area then if you did some of these other options it would help. Then pave the road, put the wedge curb back in and that would help keep it the water in the stream. These are all the options.

Jim Simon stated he thought the pipe option was the best. Engineer Frye stated you could put the catch basin in and extend it then go 99 feet get the emergency permit. President Gordon asked about cost and Engineer Frye said he'd have to talk to the permit people. Engineer Frye asked does council want him to get a quote and come back for council's review and council agreed. President Gordon asked the Engineer if the pipe at Oak & 5th if the water is coming from the storm drain and Engineer Frye said yes, there is a 6ft piece of plastic pipe separating and starting to crush and is getting filling with debris. Cathy Hutsky asked if before we pave should we fix Oak? Engineer Frye said the repairs you do at Oak & 5th won't affect the paving job. Jim Simon said he thinks we should have the paving done first. Engineer Frye informed council we may have to go to bid on the job on the upper part of 5th Street, he asked do we have a source of fill available for when we start this job. Engineer Frye is to get proposals on the permitting between now and the next meeting and from contractors. He'll give a proposal for the permitting and if we need to do specifications and it'll be broken down into the permitting and then he'll get quotes from contractors and then we'll go from there. If it's between 19900.00 and 20,100.00 then we will need 3 quotes if it goes over 20,000 it'll have to be bid.

A motion was made by Jim Simon to give the bid to G.K. Watterson at the bid approval of $5,560.00 to do the paving portion of the road on 5th Street, seconded by Kendra Hill. By way of roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Kendra Hill to give the bid to Drumm and Sons to do the pipe restoration on 5th Street at the bid price of $5,265.00, seconded by Cathy Hutsky. By way of roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

Engineer Frye asked Council do they want him to get them a proposal for the top of 5th Street.

John Drumm asked if doing the paving at the job before the pipe at Oak & 5th was a good idea, was the wear & tear from the truck traffic wearing on the new pavement material going to tear out the new paving? After much discussion Kendra Hill made a motion to rescind the motion to approve the paving portion of 5th Street at this time, seconded by Joe Seminick. By way of roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

Engineer Frye reported that the County sent the results from the CDBG grant recipients and East Rochester Borough did not receive any grant money. Cathy Hutsky said that from what she understands

when you get grants the earlier you get the grant in the better chance you have. Engineer Frye explained to Miss Hutsky that everyone has to have their paperwork in at the same time in February. Cathy Hutsky stated that East Rochester didn't make the deadline. Engineer Frye said East Rochester actually had their paperwork in a day early. Cathy Hutsky said she thought the county sent some paperwork back to the Borough. Engineer Frye stated that's when they were requesting additional information. How it works is they get the original application, they review them and then if they need anything from the preliminary application – you will then put in the "application". President Gordon informed Miss Hutsky we went on to the 2nd round this year. The Borough Secretary told Cathy Hutsky there are phases to the process, you don't send all the information all at 1 time. Engineer Frye explained we had all the income surveys done. Cathy Hutsky asked what we are doing "wrong" and what can we do better going forward. Engineer Frye explained he has other municipalities in the same position that didn't get any funding. He pointed out from the report who seems to be getting a lot of the funding from the project. The solicitor interjected the complaint she might have would be with the program and the way it's administered. People complain that it appears the same people get the money – it's nothing East Rochester did wrong; the complaint may be that we're not happy with how they administer this program. It's focused on low income.

RECREATION: Cathy Hutsky is not sure if she should get mulch, fix the roof at the playground, fix the fence at the ballpark, fix the lights, buy paint. We did get paint donated to paint the playground and the ballfield. The fence needs fixed at the ballfield, Cathy Hutsky got a bid from Pittsburgh Fence of over $6,000. Cathy Hutsky asked if anyone knows anyone who fixes fences. John Drumm said he had dropped off a list of materials that it would take to fix the fence with the last secretary when Terry Mason was president and no one ever got back to him. John Drumm told President Gordon he promised her a list and he made it-but never heard. Mr. Drumm said as long as the Borough buys the material he will donate the labor. Cathy Hutsky asked did he still have a copy of the list, Mr. Drumm said he'd look, if not he'll make a new list and get it to the maintenance man. Cathy Hutsky said if it's under $500.00 it can be authorized. Cathy Hutsky stated the light at the flagpole needs replaced & the ballfield one of the lights needs replied. Mr. Drumm said if the Borough ever gets the money to put the LED lights in, he checked on them for Rochester Borough when he worked for them, the lenses where much stronger, harder to break and the lights last much longer. Cathy Hutsky asked about a new flag, Bob Knox said he was going to Senator Vogel's office to get a new one. Cathy Hutsky asked does everyone want to do mulch or just wait or would everyone rather fix the roof at the playground? Discussion was held about volunteers painting and since the paint is being donated that is no cost. The fence cost will hopefully come in under $500.00. Cathy Hutsky has $1600.00 in Parks & Recreation account. Mulch cost is an unknown. The Borough paid over $860.00 last time they purchased and that's when East Rochester split a load with Rochester. Joe Seminick stated he was thinking that's why we joined COG to get things cheaper. Cathy Hutsky said they don't have mulch, do they? Cathy Hutsky said maybe she'd check into that. Cathy Hutsky asked can we just order mulch, have Sam fix the roof, have Mr. Drumm fix the fence. Jim Simon asked did Rochester order mulch? Cathy Hutsky said they might not be ordering mulch this year, the Borough Secretary emailed and was told if they were going to order, they would let her know. Chief Mercier said when he gets back in the office on Thursday, he would ask Manager Barrett and text Cathy Hutsky on Friday. Cathy Hutsky said if we need to, we'll just order it. President Gordon said it will show off an old invoice how much was ordered.
Cathy Hutsky spoke to a donation letter that was being worked on to go out to businesses to get donations and get match grants and she stated she's pretty sure she's allowed to do that. Solicitor Steff spoke to the situation by addressing the Go-Fund me question Miss Hutsky asked about at a previous meeting. Solicitor Steff said there a section in the Borough Code titled The Corporate Powers of the Borough the spells out what you are able to do as far as the Go Fund me or asking for money or solicitation. The Borough appropriations through the General Fund from your tax base – the Bourgh's means of income taxation from that fund you make appropriations and you budget for that. The best

way of handling this is through the group you form – be it a recreation board – they raise the money and spend it appropriately. The Borough money is not part of these funds
The Solicitor will get Cathy Hutsky a copy of this section of the Borough Code. Cathy Hutsky referred to Rochester Borough's Manager raising money for the parks project, she stated it's him raising the money. Council stated that he's on a committee to raise the money. Cathy Hutsky can still use the letter she has been working on, she will just change it around to be a volunteer group. President Gordon referenced Freedom Borough and their recent volunteer efforts with the playground they are putting up.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: President Gordon revisited the donation for the Rochester library – Jim Simon made a motion to make a donation in the amount of $200.00 to the Rochester Library, seconded by Cathy Hutsky. By way of roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

A suggestion was made by Jim Simon to hold off until 2019 to donate to the Rochester Parks Project, when something can be put in the budget. Joe Seminick said he thought that was a responsible idea, and all council agreed.

President Gordon told council that even though we have joined COG for the year, when the time comes she would rather not get our winter salt through COG, seeing as we might not stay on with COG, she doesn't want to take the chance of "losing our place" with Co-stars and Cargill that we've established over the years

President Gordon asked for a motion to accept the report done by Herrmann & Loll CPA for when the tax collectors changed. Kendra Hill made a motion to except the report from Hermann & Loll, seconded by Jim Simon. By way of roll call vote, motion carried. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: none

Council went into Executive Session at 8:50

Council reconvened at 9:01

A motion to adjourn was made by Kendra Hill and seconded by Joe Seminick. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Mohrbacher, Borough Secretary