The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of East Rochester was held Wednesday, August 1, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Lacock Dwellings Community Center, East Rochester, Pa.

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

ABSENT: None

ALSO, PRESENT: Solicitor Paul Steff, Chief Mercier, Engineer Jeff Frye, and John Clay Zoning/Code Officer, Deb Pfeifer, Catie Hutsky, Fire Chief Ed Hermick, Rochester Twp. Mgr. Norm Ely, Renee Seminick, Sheila DeLarre-Hastings, Linda Hoffmann, Marie Knox, Janice Dunn, Jim Dunn, Dan Silosky, John Marchitelli, Tony Marchitelli, Bob Taylor, Lois Sutter, Amy Dorra, Debbie Ahern, Darlene Maher

CITIZENS REPORT: *Jan Dunn:* In regards to the things being put in the mailboxes – it alarmed a lot of people and she wished whoever put the flyers in in the mailboxes had done their due diligence to warn that they were sending something out to the residents of the Borough because it set everyone off. She was a member of the Fire Department since 1981 – served as an officer at different times – the Fire Department had been trying to keep things a float over the past 5 years but financially it's not doable – there's not the manpower to do it. You can't have a Fire Department with 4 or 5 guys. The equipment is antiquated and needs updated – the trucks are antiquated and need updated – training needs updated – there's no money to do all that – so speaking for myself – I'm not speaking for anybody else in this room – I think its time to get a contract and merge with someone else.

Debra Ahern: I would like to say if there's $20,000 we can pay Rochester to fight our fires then why couldn't money be given to the East Rochester department to keep it a float. If the community was aware how the Fire Department – excuse me Madame President – if you're going to disrespect people who are talking.

Joyce Gordon: Next

Renee Seminick: We've had several meetings – talking about whether the department should stay open or not – the building's not safe and if you have $20,000 you're still not going to have the guys – they're not trained – we don't have the equipment. It's not only the money – it's the volunteers. There are a lot of people and women in this room that might want to keep the department open, but no one's stepping up to be a firewoman. Other departments have firewomen.

Debra Ahern: If I knew there was a volunteer drive – I would gladly volunteer to keep a neighbor's house from burning to the ground.

Renee Seminick: Well at this point – I saw the flier too – it wasn't in my mailbox- but it said seconds matter – let me just tell you – your Fire Department doesn't have trucks that are running – seconds do matter – so if you can't start a truck to get to a fire – it's not about just manpower and the money - it's about equipment – your house isn't going to be saved by East Rochester trucks, by East Rochester Fire Department. This isn't just about this meeting today; this meeting has been going on for several years and it needs to be done.

Debra Ahern: Has anyone looked into getting grant money

Renee Seminick: Drummy had put out Buck-a-months trying to raise money but didn't get good feedback from those. So, the people sitting in this room – no matter how much you want your Fire Department – volunteering – training – giving out of your own pockets – it's not there.

Marie Knox: Everyone keeps repeating inadequate equipment and we don't have the funds to buy equipment but we're willing to give to Rochester why aren't we willing to give it to our department.

Joyce Gordon: In 2012 the expenses for the Fire Department were over $15,000 the insurances were $12,000 2011-2012 going into January the Borough had $9,000 in the General Fund and we knew we were not going to be able to keep the Fire Department going with those expenses – that's when the Borough stopped paying the water/electric and gas that was 2011-2012

Marie Knox: So, we haven't been giving the Fire Department any money since 2012

Joyce Gordon: No, we've been giving them insurance money

Marie Knox: When you say insurance money – is it one whole East Rochester insurance policy

Joyce Gordon: It's all been separated

Marie Knox: What about the truck policy

Joyce Gordon: All separated

Marie Knox: So, when we remove our fire trucks, our borough trucks are on that policy – our insurance will go up because we have a larger policy

Joe Seminick: We're talking insurance policies vs. Fire Department/Fire protection The Fire Department approached council – Council's been working on this and we're making our decision.

Marie Knox: Exactly – so why are the residents just being notified that they will not have fire coverage from East Rochester after this meeting if this has been going on for a year- why are they just being told.

Joe Seminick: This has been going on for years

Marie Knox: Why are the residents just being notified – How long has Rochester been covering East Rochester

Joyce Gordon: 3 years free of charge

Marie Knox: But how long have our Firemen been going out for us – for 3 years the trucks have not been going out for 3 years – I know it hasn't been 3 years If the Borough is supposed to give our Fire Department money and they're not.

Joe Seminick: We do

Jan Dunn: We get 1 mill from the Borough – that plus the Fireman's relief money is not enough money because there are regulations on how you can spend that money. There's not enough to take care of everything needed equipment wise, training wise.

Marie Knox: Well we're willing to give $19,000 to the Borough – why wouldn't we give that to East Rochester and have our things taken care of

Joyce Gordon: Because $19,000 is a lot cheaper than $26,000 with insurance and bills

Joe Seminick: Several years ago, East Rochester was approached to go with a merge which would have saved the Borough money and also at that time East Rochester decided not to do it. We're now at the point we need to save, if we wait for another contract the price is only going to increase – what are you going to do in the meantime when the fire whistle blows

Marie Knox: We still have firemen

Renee Seminick: When that fire whistle blows there aren't firemen that show

Cathy Hutsky: Are there still firemen that respond

Debbie Pfeifer: How many active firemen does East Rochester have

Cathy Hutsky: Who are the firemen in East Rochester

Jan Dunn: 2 are right here – Jim Simon & Joe Seminick

Joe Seminick & Jim Simon: Josh Drumm, John Drumm & Pat Duffy

Linda Hoffman: Are they all trained properly & certified

No and that takes money too

Joyce Gordon: In 2012 the Borough paid out for the Fire Department in insurance and other expenses for a total combined $25,274

Marie Knox: Is that workman's comp separate for the fire department members

Joyce Gordon: The workman's comp for the fire department for 2018 was $8000 – workman's comp is based on population

Marie Knox: Are the residents willing to give up the firehall and everything the community has and throw that all away.

Sheila DeLarre-Hastings: The firemen don't own the firehall

Marie Knox: Oh yes, they do, the firehall belongs to the fire department and now we could lose that building. They can sell it for a dollar if they want, it's their building.

Joe Seminick: What good is it to you

Solicitor Steff: The fire department is a legal corporation. A legal entity. The corporation owns the building.

Cathy Hutsky: How was that determined – is that because they pay their own bills

Solicitor Steff: The fire department filed articles of incorporation with the state, filed legal documents to become a legal entity at inception.

Cathy Hutsky: Even if the building was deemed a shelter for the residents

Joe Seminick: We're getting way off the subject

Jan Dunn: The building is not usable

Marie Knox: You have to realize the fire department can sell to anyone they can.

Jan Dunn: Yes, they can

Dan Silosky: How many firemen do you have – maybe try to get more

Jan Dunn: We're not the only small community experiencing this same thing.

Lois Sutter: My concern is I don't think East Rochester is protected by the police and it should be, I don't care if it's $20,000 - $10,000 or $100,000 are we going to be protected – if my house burns down are they going to show up?

Joyce Gordon: You're protected right now – Rochester has been covering us for the last 3 years

Lois Sutter: My point being if Rochester police are covering us now, I can't tell you when I saw a police car

Joyce to Lois Sutter – what street do you live on – Lois Sutter – 2nd

Joyce to Chief Mercier – Make sure they go down 2nd ----- Chief --- ok

Lois Sutter: No – I'm not just saying 2nd – I'm saying all of them

Joyce said – I see them
Joe said – I see them
Lois Sutter : Maybe that's because you're on the main road
Joe: I'm not on the main road & I see them- not every day, but he sees them
Renee Seminick stated she sees them 2-3 times a week

Norm Ely: Rochester Twp. Mgr. – Brought information (call volumes & response times) since the merger between Rochester Borough and Rochester Twp. 3 years ago. They are now 1 entity – not only because of money but because of manpower too. Manager Ely explained that if the residents are concerned about response times to calls that when East Rochester was responding to calls that Rochester would get to the call a lot of the time the same time as East Rochester would.

Sheila DeLarre-Hastings: How many firemen do you have

Fire Chief Ed Hermick: Approximately 12 Firefighter 1's and Approximately 12 Firefighter 2's
For a total for 24 volunteer firefighters that are state certified by professional standards.

Renee Seminick: Mr. Simon – of the 5 firemen in East Rochester – are any certified

Jim Simon: No

Renee Seminick: So, it's not just the money, the trucks, the building, it's 5 people willing to step up that are not qualified.

Jim Simon: I wouldn't go to that extent

Renee Seminick: I'm sorry – not certified. Rochester can get to a call faster now than East Rochester

Joe Seminick: It's my understanding that when you have certified people it's easier to get grants, so that would benefit East Rochester if we go with Rochester increase their call volume, coverage area – state certification – grants to keep up on certification and equipment. East Rochester tried to apply for grants before and it's tough the bigger the department – the better the grant.

Marie Knox: I thought it depended on the number of calls you got if you got grants or not

Debra Ahern: It would depend on how you write it

Joe Seminick: We've had professional people write out grants

Ed Hermick: The fire reporting system goes directly to the state, you do the report online. The state downloads it- the people who make the decision on the grants- you can't cheat they have the call volume from the reports.

Joyce Gordon: How many fire trucks do you have

Ed Hermick: 2 engines / 1 ladder truck / 1 tanker / 1 brush truck / 1 rescue truck & 1 command truck

Sheila DeLarre-Hastings: Do you have 1 location

Ed Hermick: When we merged we had to go through orphans court to get a new name – we are now Rochester Fire Department we dropped the original Rochester # and took the Twp. # of 23 so we are now Rochester Fire Department #23 – we have 2 stations. – realloted manpower so whatever station is closest to the firefighter that is where they go.

Question: Is the Noss Plan station still open

Ed Hermick: The tanker truck is in the Noss Plan station

Question: Could you leave some equipment in the East Rochester station

Ed Hermick: Don't think any of the trucks would fit in that garage, and if the building is in bad condition, wouldn't want to lose a piece of equipment.

Joyce Gordon: Do you have a total of fire calls

Norm Ely: I want to report that Rochester/Rochester Twp. Has received $150,000 grant for new radios that within the next 3 years all radios in Beaver County will have to be changed from high band to digital or the fire/police departments won't be able to communicate with the 911 center. They also got a $30,000 grant just for the Rochester Twp. Police department radio system also.

Ed Hermick: Service call information from the 911 Center they keep track of the times, the department doesn't – their records of 2015-16-17 East Rochester had 58 calls for service – out of those 3 years an additional 20 calls were out of town (ex. Freedom). 2017 & 2018 Chief Hermick tracked in his system calls by municipality - 2017 starting in April – East Rochester had 13 calls – out of 13 calls in 2017 East Rochester had at least 1 person show up leaving the remainder of the calls for Rochester to handle. In 2018 to date a total of 12 calls – out of 12 calls – 1 person showed up.

Marie Knox: To Chief Hermick ---In the last 3 years how many houses have you save that were on fire in the Borough

Ed Hermick: That's more a question the insurance company would answer. But I know of 1 house on West Madison that went for the 2nd floor through the roof that is still standing.

Marie Knox: How many house fires that you saved – how many fatalities have you had

Ed Hermick: Since 2010 we've probably had 2 fatalities

Marie Knox: To Jim Simon – How many fatalities have you had in East Rochester

Joe Seminick: Wait---What

Marie Knox: How many residents have we lost

Jim Simon: None that I'm aware of

Joe Seminick: I don't understand the question

Marie Knox: In the last 3 years – Rochester Borough has had a string of house fires and have lost 2 residents

Joe Seminick: Not because of the firemen

Maire Knox: East Rochester hasn't lost any residents

Joe Seminick: Oh yes, we have

Marie Knox: We have

Joe Seminick: Yes – on Oak Street

Marie Knox: From a fire

Joe Seminick: No – but we were still called to it

Marie Knox: He fell down the steps

Joe Seminick: The department was called to it

Ed Hermick: I'm not sure I'm fully understanding your question, because the City of Pittsburgh loses

people every year.

Bob Taylor: I have a question for the firemen – should we move or stay --- Jim Simon and Joe Seminick responded: yes – the firemen approached council to make the move.

Joyce Gordon: On 7/5/2015 Jim Simon said the Fire Department wants to dissolve, Rochester Borough is to cover all calls until legal aspects are worked out.
8/5/2015 Joe Seminick represented the Fire Department stated the Fire Department wanted Council to know that the Fire Department wants to disband and wants Council to look into fire coverage elsewhere. They'll try to continue. A month later they came back and said they were going to try and do some fundraising and to come back.
7/3/2017 Jim Simon reported the Fire Department want to dissolve – Rochester Borough is to cover all calls until all legal aspects are worked out.
12/6/2017 Jim Simon told Council Mr. Duffy advised to tell Borough Council the Fire Department is dissolving for Council to advise.
4/4/18 Cathy Hutsky asked if there was anyway the department could remain and Jim Simon explained we don't have enough members- trucks are out of inspection and that's where we are right now.

We sent out letters to Freedom, Bridgewater, Rochester and Monaca. Monaca responded and stated because of the bridges they felt they couldn't service us. Rochester area did respond and we proceeded with contractual meetings with them.

Linda Hoffman: What's the next step- are you going to enter into a contract with them.

Joyce Gordon: We'll be voting tonight

Debra Ahern: Mr. Steff – Is it a conflict of interest that 2 firemen are on council voting

Solicitor Steff: No – 2 is not a majority in one instance
To contract for intergovernmental services no way impacts anything with the fire department. They're sitting here as council members, they're elected here to do and vote their consciences and that not a conflict.

Mayor Knox: How many years do you have to keep minutes on the website

Solicitor Steff: You don't have to keep minutes on the website at all

Mayor Knox: How far back do you have to keep minutes at the Borough Building

Solicitor Steff: You are required to keep minutes at the Borough office for ever. You never get rid of them

Mayor Knox: Because I just listened to the conversation about minutes from 2015 and there's nothing on the website

Solicitor Steff: Some places don't even have a website. The official record of ordinances, resolutions, minutes should be kept in the Borough for public viewing.

Linda Hoffman: Mr. Mayor, is the fire department under your authority now – then why are you

passing out flyers

Mayor Knox: I didn't pass out flyers

Linda Hoffman: Yes, you did

Mayor Knox: No, I didn't, I walked with my wife and I talked to the residents and they said they were unaware and they told them what was happening

Linda Hoffman: You were part of it and you scared people in this community, that is not your job that is not what we elected you for

Mayor Knox: I'm not in charge of the Fire Department – I'm in charge of the Police Department and I'm allowed to talk to the residents – I didn't tell anyone anything falsified

Jan Dunn: Then how come $100,000 figure was printed on those flyers

Marie Knox: 5 years – 5 years that's what it'll cost

Jan Dunn: You should have specified – you just threw out $100,000 making people think it was $100,000 a year which this Borough doesn't have

Marie Knox: $100,000 is the cost

Jan Dunn: It's not a year

Marie Knox: It's a 5-year contract

Jan Dunn: Then why didn't you specify that

Marie Knox: Come to the meetings, you would have known

Jan Dunn: If you were so concerned about this Fire Department – we had Fire Department meetings and we needed help, where were you

Marie Knox: My husband was a fireman

John Marchitelli: Why is the fire whistle still blowing: If no one is showing up at the fire station

Jim Simon: Legally until we sign a contract we still have a fire department so the fire whistle has to blow. I was advised not to do anything until we have fire protection.

Linda Hoffman: I would like to say to Rochester Area – I hear nothing but good things being said about the department from everyone – thank you. She feels completely safe.

Joe Seminick: Anything they were trying to do on Council was for the good of the Borough

Darlene Maher: This should have been done years ago, it's with the best interest in mind

Sheila DeLarre-Hastings: If Council votes how will residents be notified

Solicitor Steff: Borough Code requires the Borough will provide protection which they are doing by way of a contractual agreement. This has been advertised in the paper, there's been notice that this is what's happening and that the copies could be obtained – public notice has been given – it has been done properly and there's no discontinuance in service – there's no break in service. The Borough will be providing fire protection by way of a contractual agreement.

Sheila DeLarre-Hastings: I was just asking because some people are concerned because of that flyer and now they'll be wondering.

Joyce Gordon: The minutes are on our website

Sheila DeLarre Hastings: The older people…. computers…website – like my mother

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: Joyce Gordon asked for a motion to accept the minutes from July 11, 2018 meeting. Cathy Hutsky stated she would like to make a motion that Council start receiving the minutes 3 days prior to the meeting before she could make an approval on them. She made the motion to get them 3 days in advance because she can't read them right at the meeting. President Gordon stated the 6:30 work session should be enough time. Cathy Hutsky said ½ hour isn't enough. She said there's been things that definitely was/wasn't in the minutes, and if Council had them before maybe that could be corrected.

Solicitor Steff stated the official minutes become official at the regular meeting with a motion and 2nd and approval by the Borough Council – only then are they considered the minutes of the Borough.

Cathy Hutsky again stated it would be nice to get them 3 days before and she wanted to make the motion to get them 3 days before the meeting.
Solicitor Steff said there is not legal requirement – it's never been that way here but whatever the Borough wishes to do. It's always been that they're in your packet – we have part-time office hours as it is – I don't know what the schedule is – I don't know what the schedule would be – it's not my place. It's the requirement to have them at the meeting to be approved by the Borough Council

Cathy Hutsky said – I made the motion but if no one want to 2nd the motion, that's fine because evidently no one wants to do that
Jim Simon said – I know I could never get to the office to pick them up
Cathy Hutsky – Sam could deliver them
Joe Seminick – I'm fine leaving it the way it currently is
Joyce Gordon – I'm fine with it
Kendra Hill – I'm fine with it

Motion was made by Joe Seminick to accept the minutes and seconded by Jim Simon. By way of roll call vote, Joyce Gordon – yes Joe Seminick – yes Cathy Hutsky – No Jim Simon – Yes Kendra Hill – No I wasn't at the last meeting. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: The Borough Secretary asked Council to have the locks changed due to the accusations made at the previous months meeting. Cathy Hutsky thought the Borough had purchased a security system in the past – doesn't know what happened to it. The question was asked who all has keys to the Borough office – Secretary – President – maintenance man & Mayor. Council

agreed to have John Clay change/add locks to all the doors in the Borough office and the Secretary will be the only one with keys to all the doors.

MAYOR and POLICE: Mayor Knox reported 60 calls for service in July. Mayor Knox said he talked to Joe West from the county and he will be coming to the September council meeting to discuss subdivision / land development

STREETS & SEWERS: Jim Simon said he hadn't gotten a chance to talk to J.T. Drumm prior to the meeting about the Ford F-150 – the truck was taken to Cherry Auto for them to for a second opinion to see if it would pass inspection. Jim will discuss this at the September meeting once he speaks to J.T. Drumm and has all the information
Mayor Knox where the key to the truck is because Sam needs it.
Borough Secretary explained that J.T. Drumm dropped it off after Sam left on Tuesday and she would give it to Sam on Thursday.
Mayor Knox asked if Sam is still not to be driving the truck
Jim Simon reiterated that he was told not to drive it until it was looked at
Mayor Knox said considering ½ the frame is rusted
Joyce Gordon, she thought it was discussed it was ok to drive it just as long as he stayed in the Borough
Mayor Knox asked if that was safe
Joyce Gordon said he could just drive the dump truck
Jim Simon said we told him not to drive the truck after the last meeting until it was deemed safe to drive – the inspection is due not; the pre-inspection was done to see what all it would need done to pass inspection
Mayor Knox asked if Jim Simon still had the pictures from Guys Service
Borough Secretary stated she has the ones Jim Simon gave her
Mayor Knox said he needs them back
Jim Simon said Jan has them

BUILDING PERMITS: Code Enforcement Officer, John Clay reported he had 14 calls, 2 zoning inquiries and 1 permit was issued. We had a hearing scheduled, should be rescheduled for later this month if need be.

FINANCE & BUDGET: The secretary reported the Schedule of Bills presented to each council person totaled $17,990.01 for the month. Jim Simon made a motion and was seconded by Cathy Hutsky. By way of roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

TAX REPORT: There was $2,617.61 in taxes collected in July 2017 and the tax collector's commission is $78.53. Jim Simon made a motion to approve the tax collector's report and commission. It was seconded by Cathy Hutsky. By way of roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Jim Simon asked the Borough Secretary if we change banks, it was discussed at the previous meeting? The Secretary stated we are in the process of changing.

SOLICITOR, ORDINANCE & LITIGATION: Solicitor Steff reported he prepared and advertised ordinance #334 the Borough of East Rochester Intergovernmental Agreement of Corporation to provide fire service between East Rochester Borough and Rochester Township.

Authorization is given appropriate Borough officers to sign the attached contract and terms and conditions are outlined in contract and the provisions of the ordinance become effective to be noted the key points of the fact. There has been some discussion about cost. The cost in 2018 is $1000.00 a month on the effective date of this agreement. No cost until the signing of the agreement. Then $1,000 a month for the rest of 2018. 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 $19,012.13/year. Mutual aid agreement remains in effect as agreed that Rochester, Rochester Twp. & East Rochester receive the same service. 1st responders- same service as the other municipalities and all outlined as far as the 5-year agreement. Ordinance #334 authorizes the appropriate officials to sign this contract for fire service.
Mayor Knox: This is a new ordinance – correct?
Solicitor Steff: Yes
Mayor Knox: By codification?
Solicitor Steff: Ordinance #334
Motion was made by Kenda Hill to accept Ordinance #334 for fire service for East Rochester Borough. Joe Seminick seconded. By way of roll call vote. Motion carried.

Linda Hoffman to Ed Hermick- will our firemen be welcomed into Rochester's department
Ed Hermick: Absolutely
Linda Hoffman: Will they be trained
Ed Hermick: Yes

BOROUGH ENGINEERING: Jeff Frye reported he looked at the pipe job Drumm & Sons did on 5th Street and he didn't see any issues so if Council wants to approve his invoice for $5265– the only thing would be if they wanted to hold the $265 for grass to grow in case he needed to re-seed Engineer Frye informed council he received a call from the maintenance worker that a pump went down at the lift station – Reno Brothers was called, but Jeff went to the lift station, went down into the wet well, pulled up to make sure nothing was stuck in it because that would cause it to overload, didn't find anything in there, but that doesn't mean something didn't get up in there and was bound in there causing it to overload and trip the breaker. It was making noise. The bearings may be going bad. Jeff told the maintenance worker to keep watching it and to contact Reno Brothers. Jeff will also speak with Reno Brothers about the warranty to see if this is covered. He'll report back.

Engineer Frye reported there are 2 holes on 5th street 1 on the downstream side – comes in near guiderail – 3 feet back under the guiderail. The asphalt is just hanging there. One also starting on the upstream side. Probably need to strip that section of asphalt off to find out if there's something in there/under there. This was fixed before – reoccurring problem. Need to take pavement section out to see what's happening there. Price guess: $3,000. Jeff will get quotes and come back to Council

The top of 5th Street paving: Jeff's suggestion is while working there – close the road down from Oak – have the contractor come in from the top that way he won't tear the top portion of paving up, because Jeff's concern is losing the whole road. Joyce Gordon asked the Engineer if the contractor will be putting in a wedge curb and the Engineer said yes Watterson will put in a wedge curb to funnel water down to the stream. The bid was $5660. A motion was made by Joe Seminick for Engineer Frye to contact Watterson to get on the schedule to begin the 5th Street restoration. Cathy Hutsky seconded. By way of roll call vote. Motion carried.

RECREATION: Cathy Hutsky reported to Council that on Friday August 3rd a group of volunteers would be painting the playground at noon if anyone would want to help.
Joyce Gordon told Cathy Hutsky that she spoke with John Drumm and he was purchasing the parts for the lights for the flag poles and the total should be approximately $121.00 Joyce Gordon also told

Cathy Hutsky that she and John Drumm discussed the fence material for the ball field and it was determined the fencing Mayor Knox was going to donate to fix the fence at the ball field was not commercial grade and Joyce advised Cathy to move forward and have John Drumm buy the Commercial grade to fix the fence back to its original state.
Mayor Knox said the fencing he was going to donate was not residential, it came off a ball field
Joyce Gordon to Cathy Hutsky: John Drumm will get back to her
Cathy Hutsky asked did she need a motion for the flag-pole expenditure, because every time I'm told when I ask people I'm told I need to have a motion
Joyce Gordon: When you're talking about signing a contract then you do need a motion
Cathy Hutsky: No, I'm talking about buying paint
Mayor Knox: They're talking about the paper bin
Joyce Gordon: That has a contract associated with it, but let's keep it clean – I need a motion
Motion made by Jim Simon to pay expenses at flag-pole, seconded by Kendra Hill. By way of roll call vote. Motion carried.

Cathy Hutsky: Can we get a motion to get the paper bin at the Borough building with a contract associated with it and that would make the Borough money anywhere form $1000-$2000.

Solicitor Steff: Can I make a suggestion – I heard a discussion going on about a paper bin – I have yet to see a contract – I don't know if anyone has contacted companies and asked for a contract if there has been anything submitted, but I would suggest before you make a motion and making it blindly let's look at the proposal – review the contract. Do we know what it means for the Borough – the costs associated – what revenue it can make. You'll have opportunity to look at that if that is favorable. There is more than one entity that does this. Know what you're voting on, not just a blanket motion to get bins at the Borough depending on what's in the agreement. You could end up not making money, it could end up costing your money just to have the bin.

Cathy Hutsky: I researched it because we had this discussion before

Solicitor Steff: And where's the agreement for review

Cathy Hutsky: They told me I had to have the Borough Secretary call about it

Mayor Knox: The Borough had to call and get the contract is what they're saying

Solicitor Steff: O.K.

Cathy Hutsky: When I called they said I had to have the Borough do it- I've been researching this for 6 months

Solicitor Steff: I've been involved with this with many entities and many suppliers and nobody – whoever calls- there are conditions – what's going in it – how much it costs to have it dumped – if you get revenue – what are the costs associated.

Cathy Hutsky: I thought we discussed this at another meeting

Solicitor Steff: Get everything in writing to make an educated decision on whether or not it's feasible to do

Cathy Hutsky: OK, then so the Borough Secretary will do that and get the contract to us

Solicitor Steff: If she's instructed to do so, I don't have any say on that

Joyce Gordon to Secretary: Did you get in touch with them

Borough Secretary: I called the number given to me and when the person answered he told me I had to speak to so & so, he connected me to so & so voice mail – I left my name and said you (Cathy) instructed me to call them – they never called back

Cathy Hutsky: Nobody said there was a contract attached to that

Secretary: At that company – I haven't talked to anyone to say send me some information that I can bring that information to you – so until they call me back – I'm waiting for their response. So, I did what you asked, and when they do call back I can ask that they send me a proposal to give to you.

Cathy Hutsky: I was understanding the 1st step was you had to email them

Secretary: If they say for me to email – my email is not going to say send us a bin its going to say send a proposal for all of you and the Solicitor to review so you know what you're getting into.

Cathy Hutsky: OK

Secretary: But I did make the telephone call – still waiting to hear back, cause that's what you asked me to do

Cathy Hutsky: There was no cost associated with this in my research 6 months ago

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: The audit for the year ending December 31, 2017 needed approval. Kendra Hill made a motion to accept the audit done by Hermann & Loll CPA, Inc. seconded by Jim Simon. By way of roll call vote. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: It was mentioned the lights on Route 65 are on all day – the Secretary will contact Duquesne Light.

Executive Session:

Meeting adjourned. A motion was made by Kendra Hill to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jim Simon.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan M. Mohrbacher, Borough Secretary/Treasurer