

JUNE 15, 2022  
WAYNESBORO, PA 17268  
REGULAR MEETING

Council President C. Harold Mumma called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Waynesboro Borough Council to order at 6:30 p.m. with the following in attendance:

Borough Council Members – Patrick Fleagle, Jon Fleagle, C. Harold Mumma, Dade Royer, and Michael Cermak.

Mayor Richard Starliper

Borough Staff – Jason Stains, Borough Manager  
Kevin Grubbs, Head of Engineering Services  
Matt Schmidt, Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer  
S. Leiter Pryor, Director of Utilities  
Zachary Rice, Salzmann Hughes (Borough Solicitor)  
Jim Sourbier, Police Chief  
Chris Devers, Fire Chief

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Starliper led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Council President C. Harold Mumma announced that there would be an Executive Session held at the conclusion of the regular Borough Council meeting for the purpose of discussing personnel matters and there may be a vote.

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR CONDITONAL USE:** The public hearing for a Conditional Use to install an Original Art Mural at #81 W. Main Street was held. At the conclusion of the hearing Councilman C. Harold Mumma closed the public hearing at 6:43 p.m. Borough Council will consider the request for the Conditional Use later in the meeting. (Mrs. Diane Sidnor was the Stenographer).

**PRESENTATIONS / PROCLAMATIONS / RECOGNITIONS:** Mayor Richard Starliper stated that he received information on June 7<sup>th</sup> from Senior High school teacher Mrs. Stacey Henderson who observed Samuel Wagaman of #122 W. North Street picking up trash in the borough over the last three days at different rotations. Mr. Wagaman Wagaman is a student at Waynesboro Area Senior High School, and we are thanking you today on your efforts to help keep the borough clean. Mayor Starliper presented Samuel Wagaman with the Presentation that read, "In appreciation of the service to your community I, Mayor Richard Starliper of the Borough of Waynesboro presents this Certificate of Appreciation on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2022 to Samuel Wagaman". Mayor Starliper further stated that we thank you again for your efforts and we hope more young people help and keep up the good work.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:** Councilman Royer noted that he had one action and that is to promote Daniel Breininger from Water Plant Trainee to Technician Level 8E effective June 14, 2022 and that comes as a motion from the Personnel Committee. Councilman Cermak seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

**PROPERTY AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:** No report.

**STREET COMMITTEE:** Councilman Jon Fleagle noted that the Street Committee met on June 2, 2022 and everyone should have a copy of the minutes from that meeting. There are a number of items that Council will need to take action on, which will be covered under new business in the agenda. He reported on the following –

- **Middle School Crosswalk** – The Street Committee is considering installing a new crosswalk on E. Second Street across from the Middle School since there is a lot of pedestrian traffic in that area and there is currently no crosswalk at this location. We provided the School District with some drawings and are taking a look at a couple of other options.
- **Parking Lot Entrance at Fairview Avenue Elementary School** – There have been several discussions on the traffic problems along W. Third Street at the entrance to the schools parking lot. The School District recently approved the modifications to their parking lot to eliminate some of the traffic issues.
- **Street Reconstruction Projects** – The solicitations for the repaving of Virginia Avenue, W. Third Street and Westview Avenue have gone out to the contractors and hopefully Council will be able to take action at the July meeting for the projects.
- **Volunteer Certified Flaggers** – The other big issue which was a lengthy discussion by the Street Committee was the certification of volunteer flaggers. It's becoming a problem as far as getting people to volunteer for traffic control when events are held on Main Street. Councilman Jon Fleagle asked Jason Stains, Borough Manager if he had comments since he experienced issues with training that just recently came up. Jason Stains stated that the training and oversight of the training has changed and is now under the supervision of the PA State Association of Townships. I have been picked up them and I'm now one of about five Certified Flagger Instructors in the Commonwealth. So, there are very few of us to certify all of the volunteer organizations as well as the municipalities throughout of the state. There are more and more regulations that are being put in place and it's costly. We used to be able to do the training for free, but now it's approximately \$75.00 per individual to participate in the training and that's a hefty price for a volunteer to sit through training. The borough did cover the price for the last volunteer event, but at this point I'm not comfortable in continuing to pay for volunteers, which is an unbudgeted expense at this point. We need the volunteers and it's a double-edged sword since we need volunteers for our parades and events downtown. Every three

years these certifications expire so, we've talked about the concept of a potential special event type of police. We haven't given it an exact name yet, but we are in our infancy in looking into this to see how we'll move forward. It's a tough situation to be in and if you look at everything with every organization I've belonged to it's getting harder and harder to get volunteers to step up into leadership roles and to just participate with the organizations. Here again you're asking volunteers to come out and help the community with these events and who's going to pay for that certification. Councilman Jon Fleagle stated that it would be a shame that we wouldn't be able to have these events such as the parades, tree lighting ceremony and things like that because we don't have enough volunteers to manage the traffic. Councilman Jon Fleagle asked Bill Kohler, Executive Director of Mainstreet Waynesboro, Inc. about the problems their having finding volunteers. Bill Kohler stated that we have a decent number of volunteers, but we need to get them recertified. We have been discussing this very same thing at our board meetings. It's a problem finding volunteers, so anybody that is involved in organizations whether there from the Rotary Club, Lions Club to other organizations we're going to have to work together to find a solution. Councilman Jon Fleagle stated that this is a major issue that we're going to have to figure how to solve here in the near future.

Councilman Jon Fleagle noted that the next Street Committee Meeting is on July 7, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in the second floor Conference Room of Borough Hall.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:** No report.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:** No report.

**RECREATION BOARD:** Councilman Dade Royer noted that there are some recommendations on items that are on the agenda such as Clean Water Kenya 7 Mile Run, St. Mary's Episcopal Church request at Memorial Park and Walk with a Doc. Councilman Dade Royer reported on the following –

- Northside Dog Park – The Rec Board met last month at Northside Pool, and we had a recommendation from a resident about upgrading the Dog Park. So, we are looking into additional benches, shade trees and also more cameras.
- Movie Night at the Park – Movie Night was held at Memorial Park last night on June 14<sup>th</sup> featuring The Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.

**RENFREW MUSEUM AND PARK REPORT:** No report.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Richard Starliper reported on the following –

- Attended the Franklin County Commissioner's Meeting.
- Attended the Chamber of Commerce Mixer at the Middletown Valley Bank.
- On behalf of the Waynesboro Beneficial Fund Mayor Starliper presented the Scholarship Awards at the Waynesboro Senior High School event.

- On May 22<sup>nd</sup> to May 25<sup>th</sup> Mayor Starliper attended the PSAB (Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs) Convention.
- On May 26<sup>th</sup> along with Police Chief Sourbier we hosted our annual breakfast for current and retired Police Officers and about fourteen individuals attended.
- On May 30<sup>th</sup> Mayor Starliper rode in the Memorial Day Parade and attended the Memorial Day Service.
- On June 1<sup>st</sup> attended the Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting.
- On June 3<sup>rd</sup> attended the Washington Township Groundbreaking Event for their new municipal office and Police Department facility.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:** No report.

**DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES REPORT:** Director of Borough Utilities, Leiter Pryor reported on the following –

- Update on Water Plant – The coating systems have been applied to both Equalization Tanks and they have been put back into service. The General Contractor has been on-site performing site clean up and working on some minor punch list items. The Masonry Contractor is on-site working on repairing the leaks on the back side of the building that will most likely take a good part of the summer to complete. They want to make sure the leaks are taken care of before they reapply the coating on the back of the building. Sometimes it takes awhile for the coating systems to seat before the active leaks start to slow down and completely stop. I anticipate a recommendation for the Consulting Engineer in the near future to issue the Substantial Completion Certificates for the electrical and general contracts to close these out and hopefully wrap this up around August.

**MANAGER'S REPORT:** Jason Stains, Borough Manager reported on the following –

- Borough Financial Audit – The Financial Audit is almost completed, and we will schedule a time for the Auditors to brief Borough Council on the results of the audit.
- PA State Historic Preservation Grant – The borough had requested a grant in the amount of fourteen-thousand dollars (\$14,000.00) for Burns Hill Cabin from the PA State Historic Preservation Office and we were recently informed that our project was not awarded any funding. The office received over five-million dollars (\$5,000,000) in request with an allocation of only two-million dollars (\$2,000,000).
- PA Liquid Fuels Audit – Currently the borough is taking part in our annual Liquid Fuels Financial Monitoring from DCED (Department of Community & Economic Development) for one of our CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) year', which are routine audits.

- Additional Agenda Items – There are two items for Borough Council to consider adding to this evening’s agenda as follows:
  1. Consider Conditional Use for the Original Art Mural at #81 W. Main Street that was discussed during the Public Hearing earlier.
  2. Consider a Resolution by Borough Council to apply for an ARLE (Automated Red-Light Enforcement) Grant and Kevin Grubbs, Head of Engineering Services will provide more information on that grant since he’s been working with our Grant Writing Firm, GMS Funding Solutions.

Council President C. Harold Mumma asked for a motion. Councilman Dade Royer made a motion to approve adding both items to the agenda. Councilman Michael Cermak seconded; the motion passed unanimously. Council President C. Harold Mumma noted that both items are now on the agenda.

Councilman Royer made a motion to approve the Conditional Use for the Original Art Mural at #81 W. Main Street. Councilman Cermak seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Kevin Grubbs, Head of Engineering Services noted that the purpose of the Resolution is for Borough Council to provide a thirty percent (30%) match to the ARLE Grant in the amount of thirty-eight thousand, six-hundred eighty-six dollars and fifty cents (\$38,686.50). If the grant is awarded this will allow the borough to purchase Driver Feedback Signs for the Police Department, Flashing School Beacon Lights and Battery Backup Units for the traffic signals.

Councilman Cermak made a motion to approve the Resolution. Councilman Royer seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS:** Visitors desiring to comment on a particular agenda item will be encouraged by the President to speak when the topic is being discussed.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** Dr. Todd Kline, Superintendent of the Waynesboro Area School District thanked Borough Council for recognizing Samuel Wagaman for his contribution to the community. Secondly, thank you for considering the crosswalk on Second Street. There have been a couple of safety areas we’ve been working on, and the Street Committee has been great to work with and we really appreciate that. We are trying to work out the issues at Fairview Avenue Elementary School with the traffic on W. Third Street and we know it’s not going to be perfect, but it will be better. The last thing is that we want to thank the borough, Police Department and Chief Sourbier for their work a couple of weeks ago on the terroristic threat where the School District had to shut down that day. We are very proud to be partners with the Waynesboro Police Department and we can’t say enough about them. Also, a couple of our School Board Members are here this evening to support that as well.

Mrs. Audrey Young representing the Allies Armies Ministries located at #218 N. Potomac Street is requesting to hold a prayer vigil on the sidewalk in Center Square on the first Saturday of each month from 12:00 p.m. until 12:15 p.m. Mrs. Young stated that with everything going on in the country these days that prayer is needed, and anyone can attend. Council President Mumma stated that Borough Council doesn't need to approve this request, but just make sure to leave enough room for pedestrians to walk by. Mrs. Young assured Borough Council that they would not block the sidewalk and thanked everyone for their time.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Councilman Pat Fleagle made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, as follows:

A. Approve minutes as Presented

B. Accept Reports:

- (1) Police Chief – May, 2022
- (2) Ambulance Chief – May, 2022
- (3) Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer – May, 2022

C. Pay Bills – Check Detail(s) dated 05/18, 05/24, 05/31 and 06/07

D. Acknowledge and Approve Personnel Matters – Recommended by the Personal Committee

Councilman Royer seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**SUBDIVISION OF GOLF COURSE AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT:** Leiter Pryor, Director of Utilities stated that the majority of the field work has been completed for the subdivision of the Sewer Treatment Plant from the Golf Course property. Lee Royer of R. Lee Royer & Associates has prepared a preliminary drawing indicating the existing footprint of the plant that is comprised of 10-acres and also an 8.1-acre reservation for future expansion. If this is acceptable to Borough Council, we can proceed with the final field work and proceed with the subdivision. Borough Council reviewed the aerial photo indicating the area proposed to be subdivided that was given to each Councilman by Mr. Pryor. Councilman C. Harold Mumma asked Councilman Jon Fleagle if the subdivision plan would need to go to the Planning Commission. Councilman Jon Fleagle replied, "Yes". Borough Council was in favor of the proposed subdivision and authorized Leiter Pryor to proceed as planned.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**SPECIAL EVENT REQUEST FOR 7 MILE RUN FOR CLEAN WATER KENYA:** Kevin Grubbs, Head of Engineering Services stated that Mr. Jeff Rock, Race Coordinator is requesting to hold a 7 Mile Run in the borough as a fundraiser for Clean Water Kenya, which is a non-profit organization based out of Ligonier, Pennsylvania. The

organization provides rural Maasi and Kampo Villages in Kenya with portable water filtration systems to cleanse the drinking water. The event will be held on Saturday, August 27, 2022 from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and will begin in the Square and continue to Memorial Park then onto the Ed Miller Walking Trail through Renfrew Park and onto the Otterbein Church trails and back to the Square. Councilman Jon Fleagle made a motion for approval. Councilman Royer seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

**REQUEST FOR ADA “RESERVED” ACCESSIBLE PARKING SPACE:** Councilman Jon Fleagle stated that Mrs. Jennifer Cramer of #147 N. Potomac Street is requesting an ADA Reserved Accessible Parking Space. Mrs. Cramer has also paid the fee of one-hundred sixty dollars (\$160.00). Councilman Jon Fleagle made a motion to approve the request. Councilman Cermak seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

**REQUEST FOR NO PARKING ZONE ON W. SECOND STREET:** Councilman Jon Fleagle stated that Fire Chief Devers is having issues with the fire trucks and the ladder truck negotiating the turn onto W. Second Street off of S. Potomac Street. There are normally vehicles parked along the south side of W. Second Street close to the intersection. Councilman Jon Fleagle made a motion to approve the following:

1. Install “No Parking Anytime” signs beginning thirteen feet (13’) east of the east curb line of S. Potomac Street and extending sixty-seven feet (67’) to the east along the south side of W. Second Street.
2. Install “No Parking Here To Corner” beginning on the west side of the first alley east of S. Potomac Street and extending forty-six feet (46’) to the west along the south side of W. Second Street.
3. Remove “No Parking Anytime” beginning on the west side of the first alley east of S. Potomac Street and extending fifty-six feet (56’) to the west along the south side of W. Second Street.

Councilman Cermak seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

**REQUEST FOR FREE PARKING ON E. MAIN STREET:** Councilman Jon Fleagle stated that Mainstreet Waynesboro, Inc. is requesting free parking on both sides of E. Main Street starting at the Candy Kitchen up to Walnut Street on Saturday mornings for the Farmer’s Market event. Councilman Jon Fleagle made a motion approving the request with Councilman Cermak seconding the motion.

Mr. Patrick Burns of #344 W. Eighth Street asked if this is passed how will the drivers know that the parking is free? Mr. Bill Kohler, Mainstreet Waynesboro, Inc. replied that each meter will be bagged that states “Farmer’s Market Free Parking”.

Council President Mumma asked if there were any other comments. Hearing none a vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

**REQUEST FOR NO PARKING AREA ON WALNUT STREET:** Kevin Grubbs, Head of Engineering Services noted that he had discussed the proposed no parking area along the east side of Walnut Street with Mr. John Ingels property owner of #250 S. Broad Street. As a result of that discussion Kevin Grubbs recommended extending the no parking area an additional twenty feet (20') on the north side of the driveway entrance from what was originally shown on the street detail drawing for a total of seventy-eight feet (78'). Councilman Jon Fleagle made a motion approving the following:

1. Install "No Parking Between Signs" beginning fifty feet (50') from the north side of the driveway entrance on Walnut Street and extending seventy-eight feet (78') to the south along the east side of Walnut Street at #250 S. Broad Street subject to the property owner paying for the signage.
2. Install No Parking Here To Corner" beginning at the north curb line of S. Broad Street and extending fifty feet (50') to the north along the east side of Walnut Street.

Councilman Cermak seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

**REQUEST TO HOLD "NATIONAL NIGHT OUT" EVENT:** Jason Stains, Borough Manager noted that the Waynesboro Police Department has requested to hold the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual National Night Out on August 2, 2022 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Memorial Park. Councilman Jon Fleagle made a motion recommending the request. Councilman Pat Fleagle seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

**REQUEST TO HOLD "WALK WITH A DOC" EVENT:** Jason Stains, Borough Manager noted that the Rec Board is looking to hold this event in collaboration with DCNR (Pennsylvania Department of Conservation & Natural Resources) on September 18, 2022. Potentially, there is a local physician that will be trying to broaden this event to have it more frequently. Councilman Pat Fleagle asked if this event involved the closure of any streets? Jason Stains stated that no street closures are required and that the event will start on the walking trail in Memorial Park with the option of continuing the walk on the Ed Miller Trail to Renfrew Park and back. Councilman Pat Fleagle made a motion recommending approval of the request. Councilman Jon Fleagle seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

**ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH REQUEST TO USE MEMORIAL PARK:** Jason Stains, Borough Manager noted this is a recommendation from the Street Committee and this event is to support and to celebrate community organizations. The setup is very similar to National Night Out starting at the walking path and continuing to the Retreat Area. The Rec Board commented that they do not want the Memorials covered and the event area is not to go into the Retreat Area. The borough has received the Certificates of Insurance and there are members here this evening from St. Mary's Church to answer any questions Council may have.

Mr. John Poniske of #150 E. Second Street stated that earlier discussions concerning volunteerism has become more and more of a problem. This event is specifically for community organizations to air what their purpose is and to appeal to the community not



only for volunteers, but for monetary support. Just in general to let people know who they are and what they do, and St. Mary's Episcopal Church would like to take that on.

Councilman Pat Fleagle made a motion to approve the request. Councilman Royer seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

**LAND DEVELOPMENT TIME EXTENSIONS & PLAN WITHDRAW REQUESTS:**

Kevin Grubbs, Head of Engineering Services stated that two (2) Developers are requesting time extensions for their plans that are currently under review with the Planning Commission and one (1) property owner that is requesting to withdraw his subdivision plan as follows:

1. Mr. Farukh Bhutta, EZ Homes, LLC is requesting a ninety (90) day time extension for a subdivision plan located at #232 and #234 N. Broad Street. The reason for the request is that the subdivision plans require a variance for encroachment within the front yard setback from the Waynesboro Zoning Hearing Board.
2. Mr. Joe Daniels, Visionary Crafters is requesting a ninety (90) day time extension for a subdivision plan to add an additional lot on Old Mill Road. The reason for the time extension is Mr. Daniels is required to complete the stormwater improvements from the existing land development plan prior to further review of the subdivision plan.
3. Mr. Richard Starliper is requesting to withdraw his subdivision plan for #46 W. Third Street, which is currently under review by the Waynesboro Planning Commission.

Councilman Royer made a motion approving the requests. Councilman Jon Fleagle seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

**ARMORY ESTATES REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL SURETY REDUCTION:**

Kevin Grubbs, Head of Engineering Services stated that Mr. Craig McCleaf, Owner/Developer of Armory Estates along Grandview Avenue is requesting Borough Council to reduce his current financial surety of two-hundred twenty-four thousand, eight-hundred and thirteen dollars (\$224,813.00) to seventy-four thousand, two-hundred thirty dollars (\$74,230.00). Kevin Grubbs further stated that upon final inspection of the Armory Estates Land Development, by the Borough Engineering Department, all required infrastructure and stormwater improvements have been satisfactorily completed with the exception of milling and paving Grandview Avenue. This will be completed once UGI Gas Company completes their work at the intersection of Guard Lane and Grandview Avenue. Councilman Cermak made a motion approving the requests. Councilman Jon Fleagle seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

**FOR INFORMATION ONLY:** No report.

**COUNCIL AND STAFF COMMENTS:** Jason Stains, Borough Manager reminded Council that an Executive Session will be held at the conclusion of this meeting to discuss personnel matters and is anticipating a vote once Council reconvenes.

Councilman Cermak thanked everyone in the audience for attending this evening's meeting.

Chris Devers, Fire Chief stated that they went out for advertisement for EMT Firefighter on Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup> and had about forty-nine thousand (49,000) hits on social media and in the past three (3) days have distributed one-hundred and seven (107) applications. In the year's past there have been about fifteen (15) applications sent out at the highest point. I appreciate everything that the board (Borough Council) has done working with the Union to open up and allow us to go outside of the Commonwealth and this has made a significant difference. Also, what you (Borough Council) have done with salaries and benefits has put us in a place to attract more qualified people. This process (accepting applications) will be closing up here in two (2) weeks and the next process is going to be a very quick process. Tentatively, all applications are due on June 27<sup>th</sup>, the written exam will be on July 7<sup>th</sup> and the agility on July 9<sup>th</sup>. The oral interviews will be on July 11<sup>th</sup>, and we should have a list back to the borough on July 15<sup>th</sup>, for which we will make our selections and start moving people through the borough process. The Academy will start on August 15<sup>th</sup> and it's our intent to send three (3) people through the Academy. That will bring us up to full staffing and if those individuals are successful, we will have them back by the end of November right in time for the holidays. We are only three (3) days into the application process, but I expect to see fifteen percent (15%) to twenty percent (20%) of those applications returned back, but that's still a very good number. Jason Stains, Borough Manager noted that we are now up to fifty-three thousand (53,000) views on our social media post. I don't know where all Chief Devers has spoken to people with interest, but I have spoken to people from Florida, Wisconsin, and California. The ones from Pennsylvania, Texas, and Kentucky are the leading areas where people have shown the most interest in this position. So, we will see what happens since it's a lot of people for three (3) positions. Fire Chief Devers thanked Bill Kohler, Director of Economic Development for Mainstreet Waynesboro, Inc. and the folks he works with in getting together to recognize those in public safety and health care and it's very much appreciated.

James Sourbier, Chief of Police stated that the Police Departments experience with obtaining officers has been the exact opposite of Fire Chief Devers. As you gentlemen are well aware this is a work in progress along with the Civil Service Commission trying to get a couple of things changed up here and see if we can't increase the dynamics of our recruiting. The Co-Responders Report for May is interesting. We get these reports monthly and I thought I would introduce them to you (Borough Council) so, you have a more comprehensive grasp of exactly what Kay Martin, Keystone Health Community Liaison (Mental Health Services), does for us. Bearing in mind she only works for us twelve (12) hours a week. In May she went out on twenty-nine (29) calls with us and of those twenty-nine (29) calls thirteen (13) were initial contacts with people that we have never dealt with before. The remaining are follow ups with people we already dealing with. The more interesting thing is out of those twenty-nine (29) people we had three (3) of them that not only required Social Services support but ended up actually refusing

the services offered. Three (3) of them end up being diagnosed with mental health issues for which they are receiving treatment. If we were in a much more rural area people may laugh at that number but with ten thousand (10,000) people with twenty-nine (29) contacts in one (1) month and three (3) of them being diagnosed with legitimate mental health issues becomes a significant number for us. Only because our overall count for the past year has been six hundred and ninety-two (692) and of those six hundred and ninety-two (692) 73.74% of those people were referred for mental health services and that's a significant number. Out of that forty-eight percent (48%) of the people referred had refused service. It is very difficult to get people to seek help even when you hand it to them. The nice thing about Kay (Martin) is that she's persistent and keeps going back time and time again. I don't think she ever considers that she's finished with anybody, and I admire that. The other thing that makes it interesting is out of the past year she also serves Washington Township and Greencastle. We had six hundred and ninety-two (692), Washington Township had two hundred and twenty-seven (227) and Greencastle had one hundred and thirty-five (135). Chambersburg has its own dedicated Co-Responder just for their borough alone and we about doubled everyone else. I would love for someone to do a research project to tell me why, but the fact is this is not speculation or anecdotal these are raw, hard, fast numbers of the significance of the issue that presents itself to this community. This to me does nothing more than sustain the validity of the Co-Responder Project for the usefulness and necessity of it in our community hands down. So, that is the Co-Responder Report to date. The nice thing about it is the very largest of the majority of these people offended come to her (Kay Martin) attention through contacts by law enforcement. They are either people that we have dealt with and certainly recognize the issue that they have had or people that we have responded to some sort of service call and seen the need and made the referral. The thing about it is all those that have had contact in the enforcement role only about seventeen percent (17%) of those over the course of the year have actually reoffended that we have had to deal with a second time. So, that's a very valid number again and I think a very clear demonstration of how just exactly beneficial she has been to us. It's kind of a mixed bag both a blessing and a curse, but a very necessary thing. It's sad in a way that I often get the feeling and it's been four (4) years in doing this that I guess I'm a little bit sinical, but there are times I think I cops are the only ones that care and that's disappointing. But I see it demonstrated over and over again we're there for those people at two o'clock in the morning getting them the help that they need, and we don't get sustained by our ancillary support services. We must do something for these people we can't just discount them, and say come back on Monday morning at nine o'clock. It is rather sad to see how they get treated by some of the other agencies that exist solely to help people and it's rather sad. We got to the point the other night on a domestic with an eighty-five (85) year old man with a house full of guns who threatened to kill his wife and daughter. The Corporal and the Sergeant took every viable avenue to get this man into some kind of mental health treatment or medical treatment because he could not be released. We got no support from our local health care provider, and you can't release this person back to home. So, they did what cops do and they arrested him and put him in jail because at least he's safe there and his family is safe. Because of something they (Waynesboro Hospital) have always refused to deal with we forced them and made them evaluate him. Once they actually do that my guess is he will never go home again because his condition was that deteriorated. The officers that had to deal with him it

was harder on them than what you may think, because that was absolutely the last thing they wanted to do and they tried everything else and nothing worked. As soon as he received the evaluation and treatment that he should have gotten in the first place we dropped the charges. The charges were never the reason, the charges compelled the treatment this man deserved and nobody else was going to give to him. It just interests me that our job is to serve the people and arresting individuals like this is not the only service we provide and never has been. But when the people that are supposed to help us and our community won't simply because it's not in my job description or I don't feel like being inconvenienced with it. The treatment he received from the doctor at the hospital was absolutely appalling. Like it was simply inconveniencing him by even simply asking what could be done for this individual and I find that absolutely unconscionable. Matter of fact one of them (doctors) even said that you're just cops not a doctor and what do you know, and their arrogance offends me.

Chief Sourbier stated that we are up to about six thousand (6,000) calls, which is about right for us in June. Our current call volume is up about seventy-one percent (71%) compared to what it was this time last year. The beauty of it is our arrest rate is up almost six hundred and twenty percent (620%). This is what people like to measure us by and that's alright. We are twenty-five percent (25%) shorthanded, which is not news to anyone, and it's been a hard thing trying to replace those people (officers) and the guys are doing a really good job. Dr. Kline I appreciate your perspective and I was really pleased with the guys. Within less than twenty-four (24) hours with the anonymous, fictitious posting and working with the social media platform providers is not an easy thing at all. Not only did they have the evidence to sustain all the charges, but they had the individual responsible in Juvenile Detention. It was an exceptional job well done and that's a technology-based thing, which is very difficult to deal with particularly when they are anonymous and fictitious. Officers Adolini, Ramsey, Davis and Storey did an exceptional job, which I have already given them their commendations for that.

Chief Sourbier stated that we are all aware of the tragedy that occurred in Smithsburg, MD the other day. My officers have asked me for Ceramic Plates for inside their vests, which is a legitimate request. They are grossly expensive for the Ballistic Vests, Kevlar Helmets, and the rifled rated Shields that have been issued to them do not unfortunately rate for rifle rounds. Each type of 3A Vest have a threat level that's established by the National Institute of Justice through the Underwriters Lab for the size of caliber and foot pounds of impact that they will take. The 3A Vest will stop a .44 magnum round at arm's length, but will not stop a rifle round, won't even slow it down and the Ceramic Plates do that. Ceramic Plates can be bought as an insert potentially for the vests they already have, where they can be bought as a separate carrier and kept in the trunk in the event of an emergency. There are a lot of different types and styles of them out there. A couple of years ago I did get them riot rated Face Shields for their Kevlar Helmets. You can have a direct hit to the face from a small caliber rifle and it will actually stop it, but that doesn't do anything for the rest of their body. It's a legitimate request and I'm going to bust my hump to try and figure out a way to get them for these guys (officers). We won't issue twenty (20) to each of them, but we will put one in every car so, that they are available. We already had two (2) barricaded gunmen already this year. One decided it was prudent not to shoot at anyone or anything, but the other one

did and it's if not when it's going to happen and that's unfortunate. No longer can we simply set on our haunches and say that these are issues only shared by our metropolitan urban brethren. I've always looked at our job as a fire extinguisher really. You're kind of hanging there, you're always charged, trained, prepared and then you hope you don't have to do what you were trained to do. But we can't count on that and increasingly each and every day our training is more intense, more frequent and our equipment is not up to speed with today's world, it's just simply not. Council President Mumma asked what kind of money are we talking about? Chief Sourbier stated that he has several vendors getting prices for him because there are a lot of different types and styles available. But you're talking somewhere around two thousand dollars (\$2,000) to twenty-five hundred dollars (\$2,500) each. It's just the way of the world, but we're working on it and that's the plan. I don't think that we're fully prepared to service our community or meet our communities' expectations if we're not prepared, and we have to be.

Chief Sourbier stated that on a much happier note he will give this to Mr. Stains (Borough Manager) for Council's action at some future date and time. I received this inquiry from the District Attorney's Office for our annual Drug Task Force contribution, which has not changed for several years, which is currently five thousand one-hundred two dollars and five cents (\$5,102.05). What we get out of that contribution is real straight forward, we get a lot more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000) worth of return on that. Right now, Franklin County probably has the single most advanced local Phone Forensics Lab in the entire state, bar none. Our District Attorney's Office and Coroner's Office has put hundreds of thousands of dollars into that system. They keep buying updated stuff every time the law enforcement figures out how to deal with the technology, particularly in cell phones and tablets that provide or create something we can't get into, and you have to find another way to deal with it. We are very fortunate we have a County Detective, and this is his exclusive job, that's all he does all day every day is download cell phones forensic reports. If we had to rely on an outside service, we would have to send all of our files to the Attorney General's Office and we may see a report back in a year. Plus having it available here for us means we can kind of dictate the timing of those downloads for most of our deaths, drug overdoses and most of our larger drug dealers when we seize phones, we can have downloads of the entire contents of their phones on Detective Adolini's desk in twelve (12) hours or less. It depends again on the type and style of the phone that some are more difficult than others, but they are generally very quick. When time is of the essence the first forty-eight (48) hours is not just a television show. Particularly, for drug deliveries that result in a death that first day is where you either make or break that case, because there are so many different ways for people to get information on all the phones if we don't get it now, it's gone. Because people practically live on their phones and that's where all our evidence is at. So, it's a very vital service for us and for those five thousand dollars (\$5,000) we get that for free, twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week. The other thing is that the Drug Task Force has shrunk over the years, and they still maintain a handful of detectives. When we need them all we have to do is call. Adolini and Ramsey are very, very good at what they do. There's no doubt, when you have so many things moving at the same time one (1) or two (2) guys can't chase down everything while it's fresh. So, we call them when we need assistance to help chase one (1) thing while our guys chase the other things, and they work so well together. So,

for our five thousand dollars (\$5,000) we get that as well and it's well worth the money that their asking for and it would be worth it at twice the price. So, Mr. Stains I will give that to you for any action that Council needs to take. Chief Sourbier asked if there were any questions. Council President Mumma thanked Chief Sourbier for the report, particularly on what Kay Martin is doing. Jason Stains, Borough Manager informed Council that the Drug Task Force contribution is a budgeted item and will automatically be taken care of. Councilman Royer asked Chief Sourbier if Kay Martin will be starting full-time on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Chief Sourbier stated that he didn't want to dredge that up tonight, but he didn't know that to be a fact. Jason Stains, Borough Manager stated that he just received the contract last week from the Franklin County and that's still up for review. Chief Sourbier stated that Franklin County waited until the last moment to get that out. So, right now the last I knew I sent a copy to Salzmann & Hughes (Borough Solicitors) and I don't know where it's at in the process right now.

Mrs. Aubrey Young of #102 Linden Avenue commended Chief Sourbier and his Officers for the great job they did on the N. Potomac Street hostage situation, and she further stated that has a much greater respect and appreciation for the Police Department.

Mayor Starliper noted that just for the minutes that we really appreciate what High School Student Samuel Wagaman has done and that more kids and adults can learn from what he has done for the community. You don't have to be recognized for it just go ahead and do it.

Council President Mumma announced at 8:13 p.m. that there would be a ten-minute break before Borough Council convenes for Executive Session. The Executive Session adjourned at 9:10 p.m. and returned to regular session. Councilman Pat Fleagle made a motion to "Authorize Pennsylvania Municipal Code Alliance to act as a duly empowered Building Code Official in the borough for the performance of permitting and inspection services required under the Pennsylvania Construction Code Act and The Uniformed Construction Code." Councilman Royer seconded; the motion passed on a 5-0 vote with Councilman Cermak abstaining from the vote. Borough Council adjourned the meeting at 9:11 p.m. on a motion made by Councilman Cermak. Councilman Jon Fleagle seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

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