

**Pennington Borough Council  
Regular Meeting – June 4, 2007**

Mayor Persichilli called the Regular Meeting of the Borough Council to order at 7:00 pm. Borough Clerk Betty Sterling called the roll with Council Members DiFalco, Garber, Lawver, Tucker and Zompa in attendance. Council Member Heinzl was absent. Mayor Persichilli stated that Ms. Heinzl was attending a presentation by Capital Health at the High School and would be reporting back to Council at the next meeting.

Also present were Superintendent of Public Works, Jeff Wittkop, Public Safety Director, Bill Meytrott, Borough Administrator, Eugene Dunworth, Borough Attorney, Walter Bliss, Borough Auditor, Bob Morrison and Borough Clerk, Betty Sterling.

Mayor Persichilli announced that notice of this meeting has been given to the Pennington Post, Hopewell Valley News, The Times of Trenton and The Trentonian and was posted on the bulletin board in Borough Hall according to the regulations of the Open Public Meetings Act.

**Approval of Minutes**

Council Member Lawver made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 23, 2007, Special Meeting, second by Council Member Tucker with all members present voting in favor.

Council Member Zompa made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2007, Regular Meeting, second by Council Member Tucker with all members present voting in favor.

Council Member Zompa made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2007, Special Meeting, second by Council Member Tucker with all members present voting in favor with the exception of Council Member Lawver who abstained.

**Open to the Public – Agenda Items Only**

Mayor Persichilli made the following announcement:

Meeting open to public for comments on items on the agenda for which no public discussion is provided. In an effort to provide everyone interested an opportunity to address his or her comments to the Governing Body, a public comment time limit has been instituted for each speaker. **Please come forward and state your name and address for the record. Please limit comments to the Governing Body to a maximum of 5 minutes.**

There were no comments from the public.

**Mayors Business**

Mayor Persichilli gave a special thanks to Girl Scout Troop #919, Karen Nyby and Ned Fletcher for the flower garden in front of Borough Hall. Mayor Persichilli stated that the Girl Scouts planted the flowers and will be maintaining the garden through the summer.

Mayor Persichilli stated that Borough Council has received comments from parents regarding the issue of crossing Route 31 at West Delaware Avenue and the traffic conditions at the intersection. Mayor Persichilli stated that several discussions have taken place between Borough Council, the School Board and Hopewell Township. Mayor Persichilli stated that these discussions would continue. Mayor Persichilli asked Mr. Tucker if he would like to comment. Mr. Tucker stated that as many know, the Department of Transportation is conducting a study at the intersection of Route 31 and West Delaware and hopefully the Borough will have a report sometime late in July. Mr. Tucker stated that beginning in the fall of 2007, it is the Boroughs intention to post a uniformed Police Officer at the intersection for one hour in the morning and one hour in the afternoon. Mr. Tucker explained that if an emergency comes up, the Borough would try to work something out with Hopewell Township. Mr. Lawver stated that this arises because of the way the School Board has changed the way they are handling busing and because of that the Borough needs to provide a safe crossing at Route 31, no matter how many students decide to walk. Mr. Lawver stated that for the first three months, a police officer will be at the intersection and then the Borough might look to place a crossing guard at the intersection. Mayor Persichilli stated that this decision will be advertised in the local papers to give parents enough time to decide whether they will participate in paying for busing.

Mayor Persichilli stated that at the last Council meeting, a group of residents came before Council under the title of Traffic Calming Initiative and expressed concerns about the traffic on various streets. Mayor Persichilli stated that a presentation was made with regard to installing speed bumps. Mayor Persichilli stated that after some discussion a committee was formed comprised of: Eileen Heinzl, Bill Meytrott, Gus Rossi, Jerry Lax, Francine McManimon and Nancy Mollis. Mayor Persichilli stated that though there are residents in favor of speed bumps, there are also residents that are not in favor. Mayor Persichilli stated that formation of the committee is not a foregone conclusion that speed bumps will be installed. Mayor Persichilli explained that the committee would look into this issue and report back to Council.

Mayor Persichilli asked if anyone from the public would like to comment on this issue.

Mr. Dan Pace of King George Road stated that there has been a decrease in speeding on King George Road over the past couple of weeks attributed to the grass roots effort of residents talking with their neighbors,

the publicity that the group has gotten and the increased police presence. Mr. Pace stated that even so, he still feels that speed bumps are the long-term answer to the speeding problem on King George Road.

Mayor Persichilli stated that recently the Borough participated in a market analysis, which he felt, was very well done. Mayor Persichilli stated that the analysis is a great tool for anyone interested in starting a business in town. Mayor Persichilli stated that there are copies available at Borough Hall and in the library for review. Mr. Lawver stated that this initiative started about a year ago when the Economic Development Commission started looking at coming up with some hard data behind the rumblings around town about how to improve the downtown business community. Mr. Lawver stated that the process began with a survey of business owners and then recently a survey of a variety of different consumer groups. Mr. Lawver stated that all this work was then bundled together by Rider University. Mr. Lawver introduced Mr. Will Dickey of the Economic Development Commission to explain the results. Mr. Lawver commended Will Dickey, Rachel Donington-Torpey and the rest of the Economic Development Commission for pulling this project together. Mr. Lawver explained that this report is something that can be used to aggressively market business opportunities that are right here in Pennington.

Mr. Will Dickey thanked Mayor and Council for the opportunity to summarize the market analysis prepared by the Pennington Borough Economic Development Commission and the Student Consulting Team from the Small Business Institute at Rider University. Mr. Dickey introduced members of the Economic Development Commission in attendance and gave an overview of the report. Mr. Dickey explained that the purpose of the market analysis is to compile useful information so that Pennington Businesses and all those interested in helping those businesses can make informed decisions about the future. Mr. Dickey stated that the goal is to retain and strengthen existing businesses and to encourage action by property owners to attract new customers and new businesses. Mr. Dickey explained that the report contains a history of Pennington, economic and demographic data, a portrayal of the current economic environment, a description of nearby areas that are economic competitors and a proposed market position statement. Mr. Dickey stated that also included are directories of commercial property owners and business owners in the Borough. Mr. Dickey stated that most importantly there is data and opinions from 91 surveys submitted by local businesses and 231 surveys submitted by consumers and these surveys have been summarized and analyzed. Mr. Dickey stated that there are numerous recommendations both from the Rider University team and from the Economic Development Commission. Mr. Dickey explained that the main suggestions for recruiting new businesses were that, Pennington Borough become more business friendly, that parking be improved through providing more spaces and better signage, that the Borough allow the use of liquor licenses, that the Borough bring about Streetscape improvements while always trying to maintain the family friendly small town charm of the Borough. Mr. Dickey stated that the report is available at the Pennington Public Library, Borough Hall and on the Borough web site. Mr. Dickey stated that the Economic Development Commission would do its best to implement the recommendations within their scope of operations. Mr. Dickey stated that the Commission would also work with Community Organizations and institutions on other recommendations. Mr. Dickey stated that the Economic Development Commission would like to request that Mayor and Borough Council carefully review the contents of the report and take action in those areas under its control. Mr. Dickey stated that by working together, concerned residents, government, local institutions and the business community could create a better looking and more economically prosperous Borough of Pennington.

Mayor Persichilli thanked Will Dickey and the Economic Development Commission for all of their hard work on this project. Council Member Lawver made a motion to accept the report and enter the report into the records of the Borough, second by Council Member DiFalco with all members present voting in favor.

**Ordinances for Introduction**

Mayor Persichilli read Ordinance 2007-7 by title.

**BOROUGH OF PENNINGTON  
ORDINANCE #2007-7**

**AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR AND DETERMINE THE RATE OF COMPENSATION OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF PENNINGTON, COUNTY OF MERCER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR THE YEAR 2007**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF PENNINGTON AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION I: EMPLOYMENT POSITIONS/ANNUAL COMPENSATION**

- a. The following official and employment designations are hereby confirmed and the rate of compensation of each officer and employee of the Borough of Pennington, whose compensation shall be on an annual basis, is:

|                                   |              |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| Borough Administrator – Part Time | \$ 15,000.00 |
| Borough Clerk                     | \$33,745.92  |
| Treasurer                         | \$53,532.73  |
| Tax Collector                     | \$17,679.19  |
| Deputy Clerk                      | \$16,069.55  |
| Deputy Registrar                  | \$1,754.79   |
| Utility Collector                 | \$24,486.35  |

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|                                     |              |
| Tax Assessor                        | \$12,531.52  |
|                                     |              |
| Zoning Officer                      | \$6,967.76   |
|                                     |              |
| Land Use Admin/Admin Asst.          | \$40,610.66  |
|                                     |              |
| Supt. of Public Works               | \$47,696.44  |
| Supt. of Water Dept.                | \$20,296.20  |
| Supt. of Sewer Dept.                | \$20,296.20  |
|                                     |              |
| Judge of Municipal Court            | \$9,985.07   |
| Prosecutor                          | \$3,319.01   |
| Court Administrator                 | \$13,681.25  |
|                                     |              |
| Public Safety Director              | \$48,863.21  |
|                                     |              |
| Construction Official               | \$21,617.82  |
| Plumbing Sub-Code                   | \$32.45/hour |
| Fire Sub-Code                       | \$32.45/hour |
| Electric Sub-Code                   | \$8,652.80   |
| Technical Assistant to Construction | \$15.00/hour |

- b. One person may serve in more than one office or position of employment as listed in Section a hereof.
- c. The amounts shown in Section a. hereof are the maximum amounts to be paid, however, at the discretion of Borough Council, lesser amounts can be paid.
- d. The rate of compensation of each employee, paid on an hourly basis is as follows:

|   | Minimum            | Maximum |
|---|--------------------|---------|
| <b>Finance</b>                                |                    |         |
| Municipal CFO(p/t)                            | \$25.00            | \$65.17 |
| <b>Police Department:</b>                     |                    |         |
| Crossing Guards                               | \$15.00            | \$20.80 |
| Special Police                                | \$16.27 per hour   |         |
| <b>Part Time Employees – All Departments:</b> |                    |         |
| Part Time or Temporary                        | \$8.00             | \$18.72 |
| Part Time/Temporary/Licensed                  | up to a maximum of | \$32.45 |

**SECTION II: Employee/Personnel Manual.**

The terms and conditions of employment as set forth in the Borough Employee or Personnel Manual, as the same may exist and change from time to time, are hereby incorporated herein by reference. The Personnel Manual does not create a contract of employment and except for employees who are tenured; no contract of employment other than “at will” has been expressed or implied. The policies, rules and benefits described in the Manual are subject to change at the sole discretion of the Borough Council at any time.

**SECTION III:**

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

**SECTION IV:**

Terms and Conditions of employment for Police and Public Works employees are specified in the respective labor agreements.

**SECTION V:**

This ordinance shall take effect upon final adoption and publication according to law, but the salaries herein provided for shall be retroactive to January 1, 2007.

Council Member Lawver made a motion to introduce Ordinance 2007-7, second by Council Member Tucker. Mr. Lawver stated that the rates reflect a four percent increase over last year, which is consistent with the increases reflected in the bargaining agreements. Upon a roll call vote all members present voted in favor.

**Public Hearing on 2007 Budget Amendment and Budget Adoption**

Council Member Lawver made a motion to open the public hearing on the budget amendment, second by Council Member Tucker. Mayor Persichilli asked for comments from the public, there were none. Council Member Garber made a motion to close the public hearing, second by Council Member Tucker. Council

Member Tucker made a motion to adopt the budget for 2007, second by Council Member Zompa with all members present voting in favor.

**Borough of Pennington  
Resolution #2007-6.4**

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT BUDGET FOR 2007**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of Pennington, County of Mercer, that the budget hereinbefore set forth is hereby adopted and shall constitute an appropriation for the purposes stated of the sums therein set forth as appropriations, and authorization of the amount:

- (a) \$2,063,701.75 - (item 2 below) for municipal purposes, and
- (b) - (item 3 below) for school purposes in Type I School Districts only (N.J.S. 18A:9-2) to be raised by taxation, and
- (c) - (item 4 below) to be added to the certificate of amount to be raised by taxation for local school purposes in Type II School Districts only (N.J.S. 18A:9-3) and certification to the County Board of Taxation of the following summary of general revenue and appropriations.
- (d) \$ 51,824.80 - (sheet 43) Open Space, Recreation, Farmland & Historic Preservation Trust Fund Levy.

**SUMMARY OF REVENUES**

|   |              |                 |
|---|--------------|-----------------|
| 1. General Revenues   |              |                 |
| Surplus Anticipated   | \$330,736.00 |                 |
| Miscellaneous Revenue Anticipated   | \$650,154.02 |                 |
| Receipts from Delinquent Taxes  | \$ 75,000.00 |                 |
| 2. Amount to be Raised by Taxation for Municipal Purposes (item 6(a), Sheet 11)   |              | \$2,063,701.75  |
| 3. Amount to be Raised by Taxation for Schools in Type I School Districts Only: Item 6, Sheet 42<br>Item 6(b), Sheet 13 (N.J.S. 40A:4-14)     |              |                 |
| Total Amount to be Raised by Taxation for Schools In Type 1 School Districts Only   |              |                 |
| 4. To be added to the Certificate for Amount to Be Raised by Taxation in Type II School Districts Only: Item 6(b), Sheet 13 (N.J.S. 40A:4-14) |              |                 |
| Total Revenues  |              | \$ 3,119,591.77 |

**SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS**

|   |                |                |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| 5. General Appropriations:<br>Within "CAPS"   |                |                |
| (a&b) Operations Including Contingent   | \$1,928,098.00 |                |
| (e) Deferred Charges and Statutory Charges – Municipal                                    | \$ 70,936.00   |                |
| (f) Judgements  |                |                |
| Excluded from "CAPS"  |                |                |
| (a) Operations – Total Operations Excluded from "CAPS"                                    | \$ 370,301.27  |                |
| (c) Capital Improvements  | \$ 104,000.00  |                |
| (d) Municipal Debt Service  | \$ 402,256.50  |                |
| (e) Deferred Charges – Municipal  | \$ 34,000.00   |                |
| (n) Transferred to Board of Education for Use of Local Schools (N.J.S. 40:48-17.1 & 17.3) |                |                |
| (g) Cash Deficit  |                |                |
| (k) For Local District School Purposes  |                |                |
| (m) Reserve for Uncollected Taxes (Include other Reserves)                                | \$ 210,000.00  |                |
| 6. School Appropriations – Type I School Districts Only (N.J.S. 40A:4-13)                 |                |                |
| Total Appropriations  |                | \$3,119,591.77 |

**Record of Council Vote on Passage**

| COUNCILMAN | AYE | NAY | N.V. | A.B.   | COUNCILMAN | AYE | NAY | N.V. | A.B. |
|------------|-----|-----|------|--------|------------|-----|-----|------|------|
| DiFalco    | X   |     |      |        | Lawver     | X   |     |      |      |
| Garber     | X   |     |      |        | Tucker     | M   |     |      |      |
| Heinzel    |     |     |      | absent | Zompa      | S   |     |      |      |

**Committee Reports**

**Planning & Zoning/Library** – No report.

**Public Works** – Mr. Garber reported that the Public Works committee met two weeks ago with the focus of the meeting being presentations from vendors for automated water meter reading systems. Mr. Garber stated that the Borough meters are aging and there is an ongoing issue with unaccounted for water. Mr. Garber stated that the Borough has undertaken significant leak detection measures over the past years, repairs have been made as water leaks are found, but the fact remains that there is still unaccounted for water and it is the view of the professionals that some of that may be attributed to the aging meter system. Mr. Garber stated that the remote read system will give the Borough the ability to isolate areas of the town and pinpoint leaks in a much more accurate fashion than we are currently able to do. Mr. Garber stated that three presentations were given and discussions will take place followed by a recommendation to Council on acquisition of a new meter reading system.

Mr. Garber stated that this week or next week the Borough would be advertising for proposals for pricing for Borough-wide sidewalk improvements. Mr. Garber stated that the Borough is looking for a contractor or contractors to provide pricing that can be made available to any resident wishing to undertake sidewalk repairs.

Mr. Garber stated that the Borough would also be advertising this week for the annual Maintenance and Emergency Services Contract. Mr. Garber explained that under this contract the Borough would have a vendor that will perform emergency related work on the water and sewer system and also improvements as required before roadwork is done throughout the Borough. Mr. Garber stated that this contract would be awarded at the July meeting.

Mr. Garber gave the following Water and Trash report for May 2007.

**PENNINGTON BOROUGH PUBLIC WORKS**

**TO:** David Garber, Chairman  
Public Works Committee

**FROM:** Jeff Wittkop, Superintendent

**DATE:** June 4, 2007

**RE:** **COUNCIL REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2007**

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**WATER**

|  |           |
|--|-----------|
| Water pumped for the month of May 2007-  | 8,802,000 |
| Daily-                                   | 283,900   |
| Water pumped for the month of May 2006 – | 8,697,000 |
| Daily-                                   | 280,500   |

For the month of May 2007 we averaged 105,000 gallons more per day than 2006.

**TRASH**

122.39 tons of household trash for the month of May 2007 vs. 109.14 tons in May 2006

Mulch is available at the Senior Center in the parking lot for Pennington residents only.

The Public Works Department set up a table at Pennington Day and distributed literature regarding the Stormwater Regulations.

Mayor Persichilli asked Mr. Garber to update Council on the status of the new Public Works Building and the DEP permits. Mr. Garber stated that final approval and sign off by the Department of Environmental Protection should be this week or next week at the latest.

**Community Services-** Mr. DiFalco reported that he has a copy of a Resolution passed by Hopewell Borough regarding criminal background checks for coaches. Mr. DiFalco stated that he would give this to Mr. Dunworth and asked that it be considered at the next meeting.

**Personnel -** Ms. Zompa reported that the Personnel Committee met last week to discuss a number of issues including a recommendation for a promotion in the Public Works area. Ms. Zompa reported that the recommendation is still under review, a report is anticipated for the next Council meeting.

**Public Safety –** Mr. Tucker reported that he attended DARE graduation ceremonies along with Mr. Meytrott at the Tollgate School. Mr. Tucker stated that a traffic-monitoring device has been placed on King George Road after complaints from residents at the last Council meeting. Mr. Tucker stated that Pennington Day was held on May 19<sup>th</sup> with additional calls for Police services. Mr. Tucker stated that Hopewell Township Police Department assisted with the event with all police costs paid for by Pennington Day. Mr. Tucker stated that on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, Mr. Meytrott and Officer Tatur attended that annual AAA Mid-Atlantic Outstanding School Safety Patroller of the year awards ceremony in Bordentown. Mr. Tucker reported that a student from Tollgate School was one of the honorees.

Mr. Tucker reported that several residential burglaries were reported in the Borough. Mr. Tucker stated that investigations are continuing and more information will be released in the near future. Mr. Tucker stated that as of this time, several arrests of local juveniles have occurred.

Mr. Tucker reported that annual Memorial Day parade was held on May 28<sup>th</sup>, there were no calls for additional police services.

Mr. Tucker gave the following statistics for the month of May 2007.

|     |                                |
|-----|--------------------------------|
| 3   | Burglaries                     |
| 129 | Motor Vehicle Stops            |
| 70  | Motor Vehicle Summonses Issued |
| 27  | Parking Summonses Issued       |
| 1   | DUI                            |
| 56  | Warnings                       |
| 4   | Juvenile males arrested        |

**Finance** – Mr. Lawver stated that now with the budget behind us, the finance committee would be addressing the one-year bond anticipation notes that are due to mature in June. Mr. Lawver stated that the Borough will be paying down a portion of the notes with funds set aside in 2006 and in 2007 with bond anticipation notes being issued for the remainder.

**New Business**

**Borough of Pennington  
Resolution #2007 – 6.2**

**AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS**

**WHEREAS**, certain bills are due and payable as per itemized claims listed on the following schedules, which are made a part of the minutes of this meeting as a supplemental record;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pennington that the bills be paid on audit and approval of the Mayor, the Appropriate Council Member and the Treasurer in the amount of \$636,065.02 from the following accounts:

|                   |                      |
|-------------------|----------------------|
| Current           | \$ 594,584.61        |
| W/S Operating     | \$ 36,734.26         |
| Developers Escrow | \$ 2,489.23          |
| General Capital   | \$ 464.73            |
| Grant Fund        | \$ 252.19            |
| COAH Trust        | \$ 825.00            |
| Animal Control    | \$ 440.00            |
| Other Trust Fund  | \$ 275.00            |
| <b>TOTAL</b>      | <b>\$ 636,065.02</b> |

**Record of Council Vote on Passage**

| COUNCILMAN | AYE | NAY | N.V. | A.B.   | COUNCILMAN | AYE | NAY | N.V. | A.B. |
|------------|-----|-----|------|--------|------------|-----|-----|------|------|
| DiFalco    | X   |     |      |        | Lawver     | X   |     |      |      |
| Garber     | M   |     |      |        | Tucker     | X   |     |      |      |
| Heinzel    |     |     |      | absent | Zompa      | S   |     |      |      |

Council Member Garber made a motion to approve Resolution 2007-6.2 authorizing the payment of bills, second by Council Member Zompa. Council Members had questions on various bills on the bill list. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted in favor.

**Borough of Pennington  
Resolution #2007-6.3**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF PENNINGTON AND HOUSING SERVICES, INC. FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE BOROUGH'S AFFORDABLE ACCESSORY APARTMENT PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing has granted the Borough of Pennington a conditional substantive certification of its affordable housing program;

**WHEREAS**, a component of the Borough's affordable housing program, known as the accessory apartment program, involves creation of six (6) affordable accessory apartments in the Borough over six years;

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has represented to COAH that its rehabilitation and accessory apartment programs will be administered by an experienced administrative entity known as Housing Services, Inc. of East Windsor, New Jersey ("HSI");

**WHEREAS**, HSI provides comprehensive professional services which enable municipalities to implement and manage affordable housing programs, and its principals and pertinent staff include licensed planners and licensed housing inspectors;

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Pennington seeks to enter into the attached one-year contract with HSI providing for the following services and compensation:

1. All services described in the contract pertaining to Administration of Accessory Apartment Program, for which HSI will receive a per unit administrative fee of \$2,750. HSI also will be compensated on an hourly basis for all administrative work not related to a particular case, based on the hourly rates contained in the

attached HSI 2007 Fee Schedule, total billing in this category of services not to exceed \$5,000.

2. Services described in the contract with respect to Marketing the Accessory Apartment Program, based on hourly rates contained in the attached 2007 Fee Schedule, total billings in this category of services not to exceed \$5,500.
3. Services described in the contract concerning Determination of Tenants Eligibility, for a fee of \$550. per determination.
4. The Total Fee paid to HSI for services pursuant to the attached contract shall not exceed \$ 15,000.00.
5. Contract for professional services and is otherwise for amounts below the applicable bid threshold;

**WHEREAS**, prior to entering into this contract, HSI shall provide to the Borough a sworn statement made under penalty of perjury that it has not made contributions in violation of Borough Ordinance 2007-3 (prohibiting Pay to Play);

**WHEREAS**, funds needed for performance of this contract by the Borough are available in the COAH Trust Account.

**WHEREAS**, the final form of the proposed contract with HSI shall be reviewed and revised to the satisfaction of the Borough Attorney;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Pennington, that the Mayor, with the attestation of the Borough Clerk, is hereby authorized to execute the aforesaid contract with Housing Services, Inc. and to enter into same on behalf of the Borough.

**Record of Council Vote on Passage**

| COUNCILMAN | AYE | NAY | N.V. | A.B.   | COUNCILMAN | AYE | NAY | N.V. | A.B. |
|------------|-----|-----|------|--------|------------|-----|-----|------|------|
| DiFalco    | X   |     |      |        | Lawver     | S   |     |      |      |
| Garber     | X   |     |      |        | Tucker     | X   |     |      |      |
| Heinzel    |     |     |      | absent | Zompa      | M   |     |      |      |

Council Member Zompa made a motion to approve Resolution 2007-6.3 authorizing contract with Housing Services, Inc., second by Council Member Lawver with all members present voting in favor.

**Council Discussion**

Mayor Persichilli stated that Borough Council is aware that there is an issue at Route 31 and West Delaware Avenue and there is a similar issue in front of Tollgate School that is being looked at, however it is important for the community to understand that the Borough can not place an officer in every location where there is thought to be a problem. Mayor Persichilli stated that a group of parents approached him to express concern with the use of the drive-through at Tollgate School in the morning and in the afternoon for pick up and drop off of students. Mayor Persichilli stated that he and Mr. Meytrott went to the school a couple of times and a meeting was held with the principal of the school to determine how the problem could be addressed. Mr. Tucker stated that the school just hired a resource officer and it seems that the school should enforce regulations on school property. Mayor Persichilli stated that the resource officer was involved in the discussions and some suggestions were offered to move the traffic along better.

**Administrator Report**

Mr. Dunworth requested that the first item on the agenda, summer hours, be removed, as more information is needed.

Mr. Dunworth stated that Mr. Wittkop has submitted is bi-annual request for payment of comp-time. Mr. Dunworth stated that these hours represent hours worked from December 2006 to May 2007. Mr. Dunworth stated that he has reviewed the hours and recommends that payment for 162 hours in the amount of \$6,611.22 be authorized. Mayor and Council asked for clarification on some of the hours listed. Council Member Garber made a motion to approve the Borough Administrators recommendation to pay Mr. Wittkop for comp-time, second by Council Member Tucker with all members present voting in favor.

Mr. Dunworth reminded Mayor and Council that DOT grant applications for roadwork are due August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2007. Mr. Dunworth asked Borough Council to think about what road projects should be applied for in this round. Mayor Persichilli asked if the Public Works Committee has considered this at all. Mr. Garber stated that what typically happens is that Jeff and Don Fetzer go out and drive the town and rank projects by priority and need and then make a presentation to the Public Works Committee. Mr. Garber stated that input from Council would be welcomed. Mr. Lawver asked if there might be a way to file a joint application with Mercer County to make improvements to County roads. Mayor Persichilli stated that he has been working on scheduling some time to meet with the County Department of Transportation and he will make that topic part of the discussion.

**Professional Reports**

There were no reports from professionals.

**Public Comment**

Mr. Erwin Harbat of Woosamonsa Road spoke on behalf of the property owners and also the Business Association. Mr. Harbat reminded Council of a \$50,000 study that was done with regard to Streetscape Improvements. Mr. Harbat stated that at the time the report was completed, the current Mayor stated that the Borough did not have the money to proceed with the improvements and no grants were applied for. Mr. Harbat stated that the report given tonight by Mr. Dickey basically echoed what the Streetscape study found. Mr. Harbat stressed the importance of providing parking and sprucing up the downtown area. Mr. Harbat asked if the Borough currently has a grant application chairman? Mayor Persichilli stated that Borough Council has identified a couple of people who are willing to work on grants for the Borough and there are also several residents interested in getting involved with the Streetscape project. Mayor Persichilli stated that the Economic Development Commission is looking to tie in some of the Streetscape improvements into some projects that they are working on. Mayor Persichilli stated that one of the other things that will contribute is the settlement that the Borough has arranged with Bristol Myers Squibb for some monies. Mayor Persichilli stated that a committee would be formed to determine whether some of those dollars could be used to start some improvements to Main Street. Mr. Harbat stated that when grants are applied for it should be stressed that the improvements are needed due to safety concerns.

Mayor Persichilli responded that the Borough has a lot of costly issues to consider over the next couple of years and discussions are taking place regarding what the Borough wants to bond for. Mayor Persichilli stated that it should not be expected that the town will do everything, the property owners have to reinvest some capital into their buildings and that will help with the downtown.

Mrs. Susan Porcella of 11 East Delaware Avenue stated that the intersection of Delaware and Main is a County intersection and a lot of tax money is sent to the County. Mrs. Porcella questioned what Pennington is getting for their tax dollars. Mrs. Porcella stated that the intersection of Delaware and Main should be studied and made safer for pedestrians. Mrs. Porcella encouraged Council to start some noise at the County level. Mr. Tucker stated that he has written to Aaron Watson and asked for a study to see what can be done at the intersection.

Ms. Chris Murphy, owner of The Front Porch and the property and two apartments behind it for 10 years. Ms. Murphy stated that she is excited about the Economic Development Commission and it is great to have Will Dickey and Rachel Torpey leading it and probably for the first time since she has been on the commission, she feels like something is happening. Ms. Murphy stated that from a business owner prospective, there are business owners that are struggling with trying to get things through, trying to get approvals and one of the things that has been discussed is the possibility of having a "champion" for the businesses. Ms. Murphy stated that this person would be someone that a current or new business owner could go to for help in getting through the maze of paperwork. Mayor Persichilli stated that the Economic Development Commission has discussed the how things could be done more efficiently. Mayor Persichilli stated that ordinances and processes in place today need to be revisited and Council is committed to looking into making things more business friendly. Mr. Lawver stated that the idea of having a business "champion" is a great idea and the best person to handle that would be John Fleming. Mr. Lawver stated that the problem is that John is only here one hour a week. Mr. Garber suggested posting a guide for business owners on the web site. Ms. Murphy stated that the Business Association will be meeting on Wednesday and they will hear the same presentation.

At 8:27pm, Council Member Garber made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Council Member Tucker with all members present voting in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Sterling  
Borough Clerk