

**NEW BERLIN BOROUGH COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING**

A regular meeting of the New Berlin Borough Council was held on May 11, 2022, at 7:00 pm at the New Berlin Borough Community Center located at 318 Vine Street, New Berlin, PA. Those in attendance were President Meghan Shambach, Councilwoman Barbara Stamm, Vice-President Barry Kuhns, Councilwoman Julianne Finkbiner, Councilman Michael Palermo, Councilwoman Lynda Frederick, and Councilman David Wertz. Rebecca Witmer, Secretary/Treasurer; Joshua Dreisbach, Chief of Police; Mayor Scott Benfer; and Street Department Supervisor Curt Keister were also present. Solicitor Wendy Cole was absent from the meeting. Visitors present were residents Jeff Roat, David Benjo, Sally Farmer, David Farmer, Mary Palermo, Christine Benfer, Edward Pilko, and Sharnel Pilko.

The meeting was brought to order by President Meghan Shambach with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – April 13, 2022 – Motion** – Councilwoman Julianne Finkbiner made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Michael Palermo made a 2<sup>nd</sup> to the motion. Vote was taken with all in favor and none opposed. Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS – Fire Company Liaison – AED’s** – Councilman David Wertz stated that the quote for the AED’s spoken about at the last meeting will cost a total of \$9,800.00. A grant can be applied for through the purchasing company. It was discussed that the fire company will be in charge of the AED’s and that the AED’s will not be received for approximately a year and a half if grant monies are used for the purchase. The company will finance the purchase until a grant is received. It was also discussed that more options could be considered as well.

**New Berlin Ambulance** – The New Berlin ambulance is having mechanical issues. The fire company is looking at options for borrowing one from another ambulance service.

**Personnel Committee – Job Descriptions** – The job description was not corrected and edited as discussed at the last council meeting. After discussion, council delegated the job description edits to the secretary/treasurer.

**Study Committee Feasibility Study Report – Sally Farmer** – A report on the Plum Street Park Feasibility Study was given by Borough Resident and Study Committee Member Sally Farmer. The Plum St Park Committee met with the consultants on the feasibility study for the Plum Street Park.

The engineering report was presented after a careful analysis of the elementary school building. The report outlined the state of the building, both its exterior structure and the internal systems such as heating, plumbing, and electrical. Issues of mold, asbestos, and exterior damage resulting from a deteriorating roof were described. It was also noted that all the major systems (boiler, electrical, plumbing) will need to be refurbished in order to bring them up to code and ADA compliant.

A survey draft exploring the need for indoor recreational options within the community was distributed and discussed. An opening paragraph will be prepared to set the survey in context before sharing it with the entire New Berlin community. The survey will be available online either through the New Berlin Borough webpage and/or FaceBook page and also available in paper format as part of a door-to-door effort to gather community input. This will happen in mid-June, at around the same time as the first public meeting, scheduled for Thursday, June 16.

The committee will meet again after the public meeting.

**VISITOR BUSINESS – Jeff Roat, Borough Resident – Feral Cats** – Jeff Roat stated that he and his family have lived in their home on Front Street for 19 years. The alley behind their house is where feral cats are being fed and they are destroying his property. The cats get into his garage and urinating on everything inside including the patio furniture he stored in there, life vests for boating/swimming, and other items. The cat urine smell is so bad that you can smell it from the outside of his garage. In addition, he puts a fence around his garden every year in an attempt to

keep the cats from defecating in the soil. There is cat feces all over his yard and in his mulch piles. His concern extends to the health of his dog and the cats spreading diseases to his dog since the dog sometimes finds the feces in the yard and consumes it. A lot of the cats are starting to look diseased and sick. Mr. Roat also spoke about his neighbor's young children who also potentially get exposed to diseases while playing in their yard which also has cat feces everywhere.

Mr. Roat stated he understands several people are doing a trap neuter and release (TNR) program but he would like the Borough to consider requiring the program administrators to either rehome or relocated the cats they trap rather than release them. The continuous feeding is too much and now there are chickens running around in the area as well. Mr. Roat asked council to keep the people safe in this town.

**David Benjo, Borough Resident – Feral Cats** – Mr. Benjo stated that, about a year and a half ago, several residents decided to take action about the stray cats in New Berlin. The residents began to trap, neuter, and get shots for the stray cats at their own time and expense. Many of those cats were then released back into the community. Now, those residents have taken it a step further and have started to rehome the cats. As a result, he believes the cat population in New Berlin has dwindled and become more manageable. Mr. Benjo stated that New Berlin will still have people feed stray cats despite any Borough Ordinance and the Borough will not be able to get rid of the stray cats. He understands the frustration with the cats getting into people's trash and ruining people's property. Mr. Benjo proposed that when the Borough receives a complaint about the cats, they give out contact numbers of those who are willing to trap the cats. Then, the cats will be taken care of, properly addressed, and rehomed, not released. Further, to him, the "R" in TNR means rehome and not release. Mr. Benjo stated he believes this solution will satisfy those on both sides of the issue.

**David Farmer, Borough Resident – Feral Cats** – Mr. Farmer stated that he realizes there are a lot of contradictory information about feral cats. He wanted to make two points about facts. The first point is that not all facts are equally important. The most important fact in this matter is that New Berlin had a huge feral cat problem two or three years ago. Whatever changes council makes to the rules, he hopes it does not cause the cat problem to revert back to the way it was two or three

years ago. Thanks to the people doing the work with the cats, the problem is no longer big. That fact should be the most important fact council takes into consideration. The second point Mr. Farmer wanted to make is that some facts are misleading. For instance, the fact that there were only three cat complaints last year and two the year before is misleading. Mr. Farmer stated he and Mrs. Farmer are avid gardeners and he gets a pile of mulch delivered. Two or three years ago, if he complained to the police every time he found a cat feces in the pile of mulch, there would be twenty complaints. Mr. Farmer stated that he did not think finding cat feces in his mulch was a matter to call the police about so we should not pretend that the cat feces was not more of an issue several years ago just because the complaints aren't there. Mr. Farmer asked that council not forget which fact is important over all the others.

**Edward Pilko, Borough Resident – Feral Cats** – Mr. Pilko stated that two years ago there were forty to sixty feral cats in New Berlin. Now, there are only a dozen. So, New Berlin really no longer has a feral cat issue. Unfortunately, Mr. and Mrs. Roat have a feral cat issue. Mr. Pilko stated that the residents doing the TNR program need to work together to trap and rehome or relocate those cats for Mr. Roat. The citizens need to ban together to correct the feral cat issue. As far as Mr. Pilko is concerned, nine, ten, or twelve feral cats is not a borough issue. The issue is for the residents doing the TNR program to help Mr. and Mrs. Roat get those cats off of their property and relocate or rehome them. The problem is the business of everyone and need to be solved humanely and legally. Stopping TNR will turn into a Borough-wide crisis consisting of a lot more urine, feces, and kittens. Mr. Pilko stated that Mr. and Mrs. Roat have every reason to be angry and seek a solution. However, legally, it is illegal to trap a cat and take it for a ride. In the last few months, the feral cat issue has been 90% eradicated. If residents put their heads together, those last few cats can be legally and humanely addressed. Mr. Pilko stated that they spoke with Officer Ron Hollister who is an officer who oversees Union County for the SPCA. Mr. Hollister referred them to a few sections that outlines crimes and offenses. The first one, section 5533, states that a person commits an offense if the person intentionally, knowingly or recklessly illtreats, overloads, beats, abandons or abuses an animal. If the violation causes bodily injury to the animal or places the animal at imminent risk, then it's a misdemeanor. The second one, section 5534, states that a person who violates section 5533 is considered committing an offense if the person intentionally or knowingly does any of the following: Breaks 5533, relating to cruelty to animal, causing serious bodily injury to

the animal or the death of the animal. Mr. Pilko stated that placing an injured or sick animal is automatically covered by that and that is a felony.

Mr. Roat asked Mr. Pilko what is considered abandonment. Mr. Pilko stated that taking the cats for a ride is considered abandonment. Mr. Roat stated that others are releasing the cats back into the community and inquired why that was any different. Mr. Pilko stated that they have not released any cats back into the community in a long, long time because they have been rehoming them. That is why there are only about twelve cats left. Mr. Pilko stated that he would like Mr. Roat to call them if he traps a cat and they will not release it back into New Berlin or Bonnie's barn. They will rehome it or keep it in a confined area and not be left to roam. Mr. Pilko stated that he understands and acknowledges that the cats have been a big problem for Mr. Roat but the cats just want somewhere to live. Mr. Pilko would like them to work together. Lastly, they spoke with someone from US Fish and Wildlife who said their first choice is that there will be no more outdoor cats in America but because that is unrealistic, their second choice is trap, neuter, and release.

**Feral Cat Committee** – President Meghan Shambach reminded everyone that the feral cat committee was charged with the following:

- Reviewing case law pertaining to feral cats and government agencies
- Researching official TNR programs
- Researching similar government bodies ordinances and programs
- Reviewing citizen complaints
- Reviewing information submitted by local community programs
- Research how New Berlin colony can be maintained with public health and safety in mind
- Interviewing community members, scholars, and conservation groups
- Researching safe feeding techniques without being negligent

The feral cat committee met and discussed their own independent research. The reports were emailed to council and are on the table for review.

Vice-President Barry Kuhns stated that his report identified several TNR programs. He also contacted several small towns, most of them which were townships, who stated they did not have

ordinances addressing feral cats. Vice-President Kuhns stated that he wanted to make reference to Shamokin Dam because it was stated that they do not permit feeding of cats at all. However, Shamokin Dam and Selinsgrove both allow feeding of feral cats and Shamokin Dam has money in their budget to give to a TNR program. They also have applications to participate in a TNR program. President Shambach inquired if Shamokin Dam permits feeding according to their ordinance because she knows Selinsgrove does not. Vice-President Kuhns stated that Shamokin Dam does not allow open feeding outside of fence or cage. Shamokin Dam's TNR application states that they will pay the cost of any neutering and vaccinations. Selinsgrove's TNR application states that a cat, after being trapped, neutered, and released, must be returned to where it came from and must have a feeder.

Mayor Benfer stated that he would like to see this town united over divided issues. He then asked a clarifying question of the residents who are doing TNR what they do with the cats after they are trapped, neutered, and vaccinated. Mr. Benjo answered by stating that the residents doing the TNR program take the cats into their home and keep them until they are adopted out or until they can find someone to foster them until they are adopted out. Mayor Benfer then clarified that the residents who are doing TNR in New Berlin are not releasing the cats back into the community. Mr. Benjo stated that they are not releasing the cats back into the community and that the goal is to get all the cats off the streets. Mrs. Pilko stated that what everyone has not talked about is that Sheri Benjo and she started doing this after someone else started doing it. There was someone who lived behind the yoga center who started spaying and neutering out of her own pocket, out of the goodness of her heart. Unfortunately, those are the cats that Mr. Roat is dealing with now. When that person was getting ready to move, looked for others who would take care of the colony in her absence. That is when Sharnel Pilko and Bonnie Hamilton agreed to take care of the colony. Then she and Bonnie decided to trap, neuter, and release the cats in the colony which had not yet been done. They did that at their own cost. She and Bonnie learned how to do this from Robin Montgomery who did not rehome, she released. So, they were just doing what was taught to them. Then, Sheri Benjo and Sharnel Pilko got together and started using Cherished Cats Alliance as a grant funding source to help pay for what they were funding out of pocket. The cats that Mr. Roat is dealing with are from the original colony of cats and she knows most of them are friendly

because she takes care of them. However, they have not released cats back into the community for some time now, they only did so in the beginning.

Vice-President Kuhns continued summarizing his report stating that there were two formal citizen complaints in 2020 and three formal complaints in 2021. He made mention that a community member gave to council, in December, brochures from established and reputable feral cat organizations and letters from community members. He stated that not feeding feral cats does not make them go away. He also stated that a person has to touch infected feces to contract toxoplasmosis and not all cat feces carry the disease. Further, a person is most likely to get toxoplasmosis from eating undercooked meat, not washing their vegetables, or working in soil without gloves and not washing their hands afterward. As far as rabies is concerned, the TNR program vaccinates against rabies and out of the 37 cases of rabies in the United States between 1990 and 2005, none were acquired from cats. Vice-President Kuhns stated that safe feeding techniques can be implemented without being negligent. He also stated that Representative David Rowe's office said that municipalities are not liable for damage caused by feral cats.

Councilman Michael Palermo stated that he has a lot of the information that Vice-President Barry Kuhns mentioned. Ultimately, Councilman Palermo believes that the issue will come down to feeding or not feeding. Councilman Palermo continued stating that he interviewed Robin Montgomery who coordinates TNR programs in several surrounding municipalities. He also interviewed Lauren Mack who is a funding coordinator and board member for the Cherished Cats Rescue Alliance. Councilman Palermo stated that, as far as case law is concerned, it comes down to who is responsible for damage to property when people are feeding cats. Often time, the defendant's cases are upheld, except in one case. He also reviewed the past year and a half of borough animal complaints. Most of them were about feeding feral cats and the issues it presents. Most of them were about cat feces in yards and garden beds.

Councilman Michael Palermo stated that he indicated in his report the residents doing TNR have rehomed approximately 50 feral cats. The problem would be much worse had they not done that. Further, he feels that everyone needs to work together to come up with a solution to this issue

and, if a decision is made to feed the cats, then to do it in a way that does not cause anymore problems for residents like those Jeff Roat is currently experiencing.

President Shambach read aloud a report regarding feral cats from the solicitor in her absence which stated "For the record, the solicitor's legal opinion on feeding of feral cats (which is an issue separate from the TNR question), is that if promoted and approved of by the Borough, it could open the Borough up to potential exposure. Although there is precious little caselaw or litigation concerning the feedings, there could be exposure if the Borough allows feedings and the food draws in a wild animal with rabies.

Food could not only draw in cats to feed but it could also draw in racoons, skunks and bears. That is why we already have laws that garbage must have lids, and the like. This "open container" issue should be addressed more specifically in our animal ordinance depending on what the Borough determines."

Councilwoman Julianne Finkbiner stated that the Borough Code talks about the responsibilities of council. She read aloud two sections of the Borough Code stating " (9) To the extent not otherwise prohibited by the act of December 7, 1982 (P.L.784, No.225), known as the Dog Law, to destroy dogs found at large contrary to laws of this Commonwealth, to prohibit or regulate, by ordinance, the running at large of dogs, cats or other pets and, in the enforcement of the regulations, to direct the seizure, detention or killing of dogs, cats or other pets, prescribing reasonable charges for their seizure and detention and to provide for their sale for the benefit of the borough in default of the redemption of the pet by its owners.

(10) To enact ordinances prohibiting or regulating the keeping or running at large of livestock and fowls and any other animals not covered in paragraph (9)....". Councilwoman Finkbiner then stated that the Borough Council is charged with enacting ordinances specifically prohibiting animals from running at large. Further, Selinsgrove, Shamokin Dam, and other municipalities have ordinances that specifically prohibit the running at large of animals. Animals running at large is a public safety issue whether the dog or cat has shots or not, it is still a public safety issue. Therefore, even with TNR programs, municipalities are charged with prohibiting the running at large of animals.

Ownership is also very specific, if you harbor, feed, take care of an animal in any way, you are the

owner and therefore are responsible for it. If council allows cats to run at large, or wild animals to run at large, then other people who let their domesticated animals run at large will simply say that their domesticated animal is wild and therefore covered under the ordinance.

Of the communities Councilwoman Finkbinder surveyed, the most complaints were about cats running at large and the open feeding. Further, open feeding draws other animals such as skunks to properties. A rental property in New Berlin had an issue with skunks due to the open feeding of cats. Various tenants at a rental property complained to their landlord about an unusual number of skunks on the property. The owner of the rental property contacted a professional trapper who trapped the skunks but then more continued to be drawn to the rental property. Ultimately, the professional trapper found that the skunks were being attracted to that property because the neighboring property was using open feeding method to feed cats. Councilwoman Finkbinder stated that she understands that certain feeding station designs can keep out wildlife such as opossums and skunks; she is not certain about racoons and foxes.

The successful TNR's that Councilwoman Finkbinder found during her research were one done by a Homeowners Association and one that was done on a college campus. In both cases, everyone had to agree to the TNR being done. The one on the college campus was particularly successful; students took the cats home and the number of cats went down very quickly. Councilwoman Finkbinder stated that she thinks everyone agreeing to the TNR, open communication about the TNR, and trust made these cases successful. If New Berlin ultimately agrees to the TNR and feeding, then there needs to be open communication, information shared, and the feeding stations should be visible by everyone, regulated, and open for inspection. Sharnel Pilko stated that is not how you do feeding and that's not how it's done. Councilwoman Finkbinder stated that trust is going to be important if feeding is allowed. In order for the community to feel at ease, there needs to be trust. Right now, the Roat's do not have trust and for them to have trust they need to have some sort of mediation assurance, that the Borough is regulating the feeding, and that the Borough has objective observers and inspectors of the feeding stations and feeding times. Vice-President Barry Kuhns stated that Alley Cat Allies or one of the other TNR groups recommended a feeding limit of 15 to 20 minutes and another recommended a feeding limit of 30 minutes.

David Benjo stated that his last name is in one of the feral cat committee reports. Specifically, he said it mentions the "Benjo property". Mr. Benjo stated that someone must have gone on his property and, if they did, they are in trouble. There is no way someone could have traced a skunk issue back to his property because they have the food up high on a table inside a shed. The shed has only a small opening and that's it. Further, those skunks have been there for several years and he and his wife only started feeding about a year and a half ago. If someone went on his property, illegally then they are in trouble.

Mr. Roat stated that he does not want people to think he is a cat hater. He stated he has two indoor cats and two dogs. He loves animals. He is not just releasing the cats where they are abandoned and do not have care. When he releases the cats, they are taken to a farm that he knows wants cats, has other cats, and where they have plenty of food.

Councilman Michael Palermo stated that he agrees with Councilwoman Finkbiner in that you can't just have open bags of food and let the animals come and go as they please; the feeding has to be monitored and timed; it needs to be regulated.

Councilwoman Finkbiner stated that she used to have two indoor cats that she sometimes took outside with a harness so they could enjoy the sun and the grass. Every year, she had to take stool samples from those cats so the vet could check for worms. If one of the cats was found to have worms, then both cats needed to be treated because they shared the same food dish. President Finkbiner inquired how the residents doing the TNR know that all the cats are being checked for worms and then all treated if any are found to have some. Specifically, are they trapping all of them, having them checked for worms, and keeping records? Mrs. Benjo stated that they put worm medicine and boosters in the outside food being used to feed the cats. President Shambach inquired if there was a log of each cat and what is being done with each cat. Mrs. Benjo stated that there is a log and, right now, there is a new cat that keeps escaping the trap so he has not been neutered or gotten any shots but he does have a vet appointment when they catch him. Mr. Roat stated that the last three cats he trapped did not have a clipped ear so they were new cats and that's part of the concern. Mrs. Benjo stated that if Mr. Roat would bring the cat to her, she will get it help and healthy.

Councilwoman Stamm stated that someone can do all the planning in the world but because we live in a rural area, we will have these issues with animals. Further, if Mr. Roat drops the cats off at a farm, they are likely finding their way back. Councilwoman Stamm also stated that it is great that everyone is doing all these things but she is concerned that everyone might find that they are banging their head against the wall because there are a lot of natural elements that will take care of these things.

President Shambach stated that she understands the issue can be very complex and there are a lot of contradicting facts. For example, NJ Fish and Wildlife has banned TNR. Then, there are other Fish and Wildlife organizations that have said keep your cats in your homes and do your best to reduce the population. President Shambach stated that she called the PA Game Commission to ask some questions regarding open feeding and they stated they do not condone open feeding of animals. The USDA said the same thing. So, because open feeding of these animals is not officially regulated by state law, regulating it is left up to the local government body. President Shambach further stated that, as she checked into the issue, she was shocked because groups that she thought would support open feeding and TNR, like PETA, actually speak out against it and do not support it.

President Shambach stated that the biggest issue is that the cats are being kept outside rather than inside. When cats are kept outside, it become a health issue for people and also for the cats. When cats run at large, they become prey to coyotes, dogs, and can get hit by cars. So, they should not be running at large. Further, the running at large issue needs to firmly remain and be enforced.

President Shambach stated that PA has not updated their rabies report since 2017 but it is on the table for anyone who wants to review it. The rabies report states that there were 62 cases of rabies in cats in 2017 which was the second highest next only to racoons. In Union County, the ratio is 1:5 for cats. The game commission also stated that rabies and the spread thereof is one of their main concerns. Further, since racoons have the highest number of cases, the game commission stated that the racoons mingling with any animal while open feeding is one of the reasons, they don't condone it. The spread of rabies and other diseases will just keep passing to other animals and eventually humans and it's a vicious cycle. One of the other main reasons the

Game Commission, Fish and Wildlife, USDA, PETA, and other organizations do not recommend feeding and also do not recommend TNR is because cats have a natural instinct to hunt for their food, even if they are domesticated, and will kill birds, turtles, amphibians, and other animals. If the Borough supports supplemental feeding of the cats, it will not stop them from killing these animals and some may be endangered species. Union County does have endangered species of turtles, frogs, and bats that are endangered which is why a lot of these groups do not support TNR or feeding cats. Sharnel Pilko stated that without the TNR there will be more cats to kill the other animals. President Shambach stated that the releasing of the cats is what contributes to it when speaking of TNR. If the cats are rehomed, they obviously won't be outside to do that. Sharnel Pilko stated that wasn't right though and even if they release instead of rehome, the cat is now sterile so there's less of a chance of rabies happening and also there will be less cats. Further, they have had to pay out of pocket for these cats. President Shambach stated that she is not pushing an opinion; she is presenting the evidence that she found. She is just giving the information from her research and restating what officials from the various entities relayed to her.

President Shambach read a statement from two different articles stating that if a government body allows the release of animals they are going against federal and state wildlife laws that designate to protect endangered and threatened species because it conflicts with the practice of releasing of these non-indigenous predators. Cats are non-indigenous predators and releasing them violates the Endangered Species Act and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. It also may result in direct harm to various protected species which could cause the government body to be prosecuted for violating those laws. President Shambach explained that there is a document on the table from the US Fish and Wildlife, Department of the Interior, which states that is why New Jersey decided to ban it. There was discussion regarding birds being killed by cats on several different properties in the Borough. The properties are within close proximity to where the cats are currently being fed. Roaming habits of cats being fed versus cats hunting for food was also discussed.

**Motion – Animal Ordinance Revisit** – Councilman Michael Palermo made a motion to revisit the animal ordinance in its entirety. Councilwoman Barbara Stamm made a 2<sup>nd</sup> to the motion. Vote was taken with all in favor and none opposed. Motion carried.

**POLICE REPORT – May 2022 Police Report** – The May 2022 Police Report was reviewed.

**Vehicle Updates** - Chief Dreisbach reported that the 2018 Ford Explorer is now fully equipped, operational, and being used by the police department.

**Municibid** - Chief Dreisbach reported that some items the police department were no longer utilizing have been sold on Municibid.

**STREET SUPERVISORS REPORT** – No report given.

**MAYOR’S REPORT** – Mayor Benfer stated that the nameplates are finished and look good thanks to his wife.

**SOLICITORS REPORT** – No Solicitor’s report was given in Solicitor Cole’s absence other than that which was stated during the cat discussion.

**Park Hours Ordinance** - After discussion, it was determined that the park ordinance should state that the park is closed from 10pm to 5am.

**Code of Conduct** – President Shambach stated she asked Wendy to draft code of conduct for elected officials for review at the next meeting.

**NEW BERLIN MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY – Minutes** – There were no questions regarding the minutes.

**Flushing Fire Hydrants** – The NBMA board discussed flushing fire hydrants in the near future.

**Water Meters** – The NBMA board will be purchasing 25 water meters to use as replacements where needed.

**Sinkholes – Lutheran Church** – The sinkholes in front of the Lutheran Church are still being investigated by municipal authority personnel. There is a potential leak at Vine and Water Streets

but that is not certain.

**Last Waterline Break** - There was a lengthy discussion about expediting contact with residents to notify them when there's waterline break. There have been some issues with some residents being notified and not others and also some of the calls are delayed. The recent waterline break was due to that area not being marked properly for the PA One Call. No one knew that waterline was there until old maps were consulted. A borough resident attended the NBMA meeting to request that emergency procedures be reviewed to see how it could improve.

**Proclamation – EMS Week** – Mayor Scott Benfer read aloud a proclamation designating the week of May 21, 2022, as Emergency Services Week.

**SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT - Balance – General Fund** – The Secretary/Treasurer reported the balance in the general fund as \$77,847.61.

**READING AND SIGNING OF BILLS/PAYROLL** – Councilwoman Julianne Finkbiner made a motion to pay the bills with any additions. Councilman David Wertz made a 2nd to the motion. Vote was taken with all in favor, and none opposed. Motion carried.

**BILLS TO BE PAID – GENERAL FUND**

M&T Bank – Service Charge	25.00
Borough of Lewisburg	51.00
Curt Keister	546.26
George Geise	564.71
Jason Engleman	173.09
Joshua Dreisbach	896.93
Martez Faulkner	148.10
Michael H. Mattocks	439.86
Rebecca A. Witmer	2,772.37
Rex Solomon	331.73
Rodney E. Styers	136.22
A-1 Lock & Key	264.00
A.M. Logging, Inc.	92.50
Kim Barton	125.00
SEDA-COG	432.00

Share Corporation	107.85
Windstream Buffalo Valley, Inc.	415.57
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,722.19</b>

**OLD BUSINESS** – No old business was discussed.

**NEW BUSINESS** – No new business was discussed.

**ADJOURNMENT – Motion** – Councilwoman Julianne Finkbiner made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman David Wertz made a 2nd to the motion. Vote was taken with all in favor and none opposed. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rebecca A. Witmer,  
Secretary/Treasurer

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MAYOR