

February 16, 2010

EMMAUS BOROUGH COUNCIL

**Emmaus Borough Council
Agenda
Tuesday, February 16, 2010, 7:00 PM**

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Personal Appeals, Part I
4. Community Minute
5. Special Presentations
 - Council Vacancy Interviews
 - a. Trevor Schneck
 - b. R. Erick Reinhard
 - c. Jeff Shubzda
6. Reading of Minutes
 - a. February 1, 2010
7. Decisions on Bids
8. Communications
 - a. Theodore Iobst, 413 S. 5th St. – Letter of resignation from the Building Board of Appeals (Term Expires 1/1/2013).
 - b. Stephen Baier, 220 Cherokee St. – Letter requesting reappointment to the Joint Environmental Advisory Council (Term Expires 3/7/2010).
 - c. Fred Mussel, Cedarbrook Sportsmen, 927 Glenwood St. – Request monetary support to stock Furnace Dam for Trout season.
 - d. Cheryl Peters, 417 Chestnut St. – Letter of resignation from the Emmaus Arts Commission (Term Expires 2/7/2011).
 - e. Glen Dilcher, 3128 S. 6th St. – Request Police Retirees Pension increase retroactive to January 1, 2010.
 - f. Trevor Schneck, 522 N. Linden Court – Borough Council Vacancy.
 - g. Leslie Heffron, Emmaus Arts Commission – SnowBlast Thank You.
 - h. Jeff Shubzda, 750 Furnace St. – Borough Council Vacancy.
9. Borough Engineer's Report
10. Solicitor's Report
11. Unfinished Business, Part I

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12. New Business

13. Unfinished Business, Part II

- a. Mulberry Street – One Way Southbound (Trial Period Expires April 4, 2010).

14. Items Not on Agenda, Subject to Rule 9

15. Mayor's Report

16. Committee Reports

Public Works/(Highway, Water & Sewer) (Labenberg, Brown, Gilbert)

Next Meeting – March 4, 2010 at 3:00 p.m.

1. Committee

- a. I & I Elimination Report
b. Weiders Lane Status
c. "Share the Road" Signs

2. Solicitor

Health, Sanitation, and Conservation (Holtzhafer, Waddell)

Next Meeting – March 11, 2010 at 3:30 p.m.

1. Committee

- a. Riparian Buffer Ordinance

2. Solicitor

Parks and Recreation (Barrett, Holtzhafer, Labenberg)

Next Meeting – March 2, 2010 at 3:30 p.m.

1. Committee

- a. Ice Rink/Skate Park
b. Raven Mill Trail Project (Trail Name)
c. Geese at Furnace Dam

d. Committee's Recommendations:

Athletic Field Fee Waiver Requests

Rodale and EMAC Requests to Use Community Park Pool

Rally Through the Valley

South Mountain Gateway Trail

Earth Day Clean Up—April 24, 2010

2. Solicitor

Public Safety (Gilbert, Barrett, Brown)

Next Meeting – March 11, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.

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1. Committee
 - a. Trailer Truck Parking
 - b. Tractor Trailer Unloading
 - c. Mulberry Street—One Way Southbound
 - d. Car Show/Bed Race Detour

2. Solicitor

General Administration (Waddell, Barrett, Labenberg)

Next Meeting – February 24, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.

1. Committee
 - a. Boy Scouts Sponsorship
 - b. 2010 Census – Request for Space in Town Hall

2. Solicitor

Budget and Finance (Holtzhafer, Gilbert)

Next Meeting – March 1, 2010 at 6:45 p.m.

1. Committee
 - a. **Bill List – Resolution 2010 – 7**
 - b. Per Capita Tax Ordinance
 - c. Act 44 Election
 - d. Non-union Employee Contributions to Health Insurance

2. Solicitor

Community Relations/Development (Brown, Waddell)

Next Meeting – February 24, 2010 at 4:15 pm.

1. Committee
 - a. South Side Master Plan
 - b. Downtown Master Plan – Parking Deck, VFW, David's Electric
 - c. Triangle Project Expansion
 - d. Parking Deck Feasibility Study Request for Proposals
 - e. Emmaus Community Car Show / Emmaus Bed Race
 - f. Borough Map

2. Solicitor

Ad Hoc Committees (Holtzhafer, Barrett, Gilbert, Neely, Mayor Iobst)

Next Meeting – To be determined.

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Community/School Relations

a. Junior Council Member Draft Resolution Review and Application

17. Personal Appeals, Part II

18. Borough Manager's Report

a. **Significant Revenue and Expense Items for First Half of February 2010**

19. President's Business

20. Adjournment

Next Resolution #9
Next Ordinance #1067

The Emmaus Borough Council met in regular session on February 16, 2010 in Borough Council Chambers, 28 S. 4th Street, Emmaus, PA 18049.

CALL TO ORDER

President Gilbert called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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| Lee Ann Gilbert, President | Present |
| Brian Holtzhafer, Vice President | Present |
| Michael Waddell | Present |
| Brent Labenberg | Arrived at 7:30 p.m. |
| Wesley Barrett | Present |
| Nathan Brown | Present |
| Winfield Iobst, Mayor | Present |
| Frank Procyk, Solicitor | Present |
| Craig Neely, Borough Manager | Present |

PERSONAL APPEALS, PART I – None.

COMMUNITY MINUTE – None.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS - Council Vacancy Interviews

Mrs. Gilbert stated that three individuals submitted letters of interest for the Council Vacancy position - Trevor Schneck, R. Erick Reinhard, and Jeff Shubzda. Mr. Neely stated that he received an email from Mr. Schneck stating his intent to interview for the vacancy. Mr. Neely's office advised Mr. Schneck that Council would be holding interviews on

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Tuesday, February 16 at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Schneck indicated that he would be working and was unsure if he could attend the meeting. Mrs. Gilbert called the Council Chambers and Mr. Schneck was not in attendance.

R. Erick Reinhard

Dr. Waddell thanked Mr. Reinhard for interviewing. He stated that Council is a unique organization with members who have different skill sets and backgrounds. He asked Mr. Reinhard what skill sets, interests, or backgrounds he would provide to the Council. Mr. Reinhard responded that his strength lies in analyzing different trends in the budget and that he is proactive. Dr. Waddell asked Mr. Reinhard what his focus would be. Mr. Reinhard responded that he feels it is very important to have plans for the future. Mr. Brown asked Mr. Reinhard if he would be able to fulfill his duties until the next election. Mr. Reinhard responded that he will. Mr. Holtzhafer asked Mr. Reinhard what role he feels businesses play in the community. Mr. Reinhard responded that he supported the Business Privilege Tax and that the Tax is a way for businesses to contribute for the services that the Borough provides. He stated that he feels businesses can thrive in Emmaus and the Tax is low compared to other municipalities. Mr. Holtzhafer noted that Mr. Reinhard would need to chair the Health, Sanitation & Conservation Committee, and would be a member of the Budget & Finance Committee, and the Community Relations/Development Committee. He asked Mr. Reinhard if he feels that he has skills that would benefit these committees. Mr. Reinhard assured that he looks forward to refilling the roles because he was previously on those committees. Mrs. Gilbert asked Mr. Reinhard if he had any time conflicts with the committee meeting schedules. Mr. Reinhard stated that he would not have any major conflicts but would possibly adjust the time of the Health, Sanitation, & Conservation Committee. Mrs. Gilbert asked if there were any further questions and thanked Mr. Reinhard for his interest.

Jeff Shubzda

Dr. Waddell restated that Council is a unique organization whose members have different skill sets and backgrounds. He asked Mr. Shubzda what skill sets, interests, or backgrounds he would provide to Council. Mr. Shubzda responded that he is a business owner and is very comfortable with budgets and deadlines. He also stated that he is goal oriented and has a marketing, advertising, and teaching background. Dr. Waddell noted that Mr. Shubzda has been involved with the Arts Commission and asked him if there is anything from the Commission that would transfer to Borough Council. Mr. Shubzda responded that, having served on the Commission, he is familiar with individuals having different opinions and feels that it is important to hear all different points of view to make the best decision. Mr. Barrett asked Mr. Shubzda whether he would be available to fulfill the entire term until the next election. Mr. Shubzda stated that he would be available for the entire term. Mr. Holtzhafer asked Mr. Shubzda for his view on the role of businesses. Mr. Shubzda responded that he is not completely familiar with the Business Privilege Tax, but feels the Borough needs to maintain positive relationships with the businesses. He also responded that it is important to bring new businesses into the community. He stated that the Borough is very safe and attracts new businesses to the area. Mr. Holtzhafer asked Mr. Shubzda how his skills will benefit the Health, Sanitation, & Conservation Committee, the Budget & Finance Committee, and the Community Relations/Development Committee. Mr. Shubzda responded that he does not have a health background but believes very strongly in conservation. He also responded that he has served on committees with various conservation events. He stated that

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he will be able use his background in advertising and marketing and multi-media to help the Community Relations/Development Committee. He responded that owning his own business would give him a strong background for the Budget & Finance Committee. Mr. Barrett asked Mr. Shubzda if he feels that he is current with the economic climate and current events in the Borough. Mr. Shubzda responded that he watches the Borough Council Meetings regularly and is familiar with how they are run. He stated that since he has never served on Council, he would need time to learn how the committees are run. Mrs. Gilbert asked if there were any further questions and thanked Mr. Shubzda for his interest.

Motion by Mr. Holtzhafer, seconded by Mr. Barrett to appoint R. Erick Reinhard to fill the vacancy on Borough Council. There were 5 ayes. Motion carried.

Dr. Waddell thanked Mr. Shubzda for interviewing and stated that he hopes he runs for Borough Council in the future. Mr. Barrett agreed with Dr. Waddell.

Motion by Dr. Waddell, seconded by Mr. Brown to read Resolution 2010-8 – A Resolution Appointing R. Erick Reinhard to Fill the Vacancy in the Membership of Borough Council Pursuant to 53 P.S. Section 45901 in short title. There were 5 ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Neely read Resolution 2010-8 in short title.

Motion by Dr. Waddell, seconded by Mr. Barrett to adopt Resolution 2010-8 – A Resolution Appointing R. Erick Reinhard to Fill the Vacancy in the Membership of Borough Council Pursuant to 53 P.S. Section 45901. There were 5 ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Winfield Iobst administered the Oath of Office to R. Erick Reinhard.

Mrs. Gilbert reviewed Mr. Reinhard's committee assignments.

READING OF MINUTES

Motion by Dr. Waddell, seconded by Mr. Barrett to dispense with the formal reading of the February 1, 2010 Minutes. There were 6 ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Barrett, seconded by Mr. Holtzhafer to adopt the February 1, 2010 Minutes as drafted. There were 5 ayes, 1 abstention (Reinhard). Motion carried.

DECISION ON BIDS – None.

COMMUNICATIONS

a. Theodore Iobst, 413 S. 5th St. – Letter of resignation from the Building Board of Appeals (Term Expires 1/1/2013).

Motion by Mr. Barrett, seconded by Mr. Reinhard to accept Mr. Iobst's letter of resignation from the Building Board of Appeals. There were 6 ayes. Motion carried.

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b. Stephen Baier, 220 Cherokee St. – Letter requesting reappointment to the Joint Environmental Advisory Council (Term Expires 3/7/2010). Referred to the Health, Sanitation & Conservation Committee.

c. Fred Mussel, Cedarbrook Sportsmen, 927 Glenwood St. – Request for \$300.00 donation to the Cedarbrook Sportsmen for the stocking of 200 trout in Furnace Dam.

Motion by Mr. Holtzhafer, seconded by Dr. Waddell to donate \$300.00 to Cedarbrook Sportsmen for the stocking of 200 trout in Furnace Dam. There were 6 ayes. Motion carried.

Dr. Waddell asked if this donation historically comes out of the Civic Celebration line item. Mrs. Gilbert said that it does.

d. Cheryl Peters, 417 Chestnut St. – Letter of resignation from the Emmaus Arts Commission (Term Expires 2/7/2011).

Motion by Dr. Waddell, seconded by Mr. Barrett to accept Cheryl Peter's resignation from the Emmaus Arts Commission. There were 6 ayes. Motion carried.

e. Glen Dilcher, 3128 S. 6th St. – Request Police Retirees Pension increase retroactive to January 1, 2010. Referred to the Budget and Finance Committee.

f. Trevor Schneck, 522 Linden Court – Borough Council Vacancy.

g. Leslie Heffron, Emmaus Arts Commission – Thank You note to the Borough for supporting the SnowBlast Winter Festival.

Mr. Barrett thanked Leslie Heffron for the success of the Festival and noted that volunteers are needed to help with the event. Dr. Waddell commented on the partnership between the Emmaus Arts Commission, Main Street Program, and Ms. Heffron. He also commented that the use of the Triangle was positive for the community. He feels that the event needs to have food available.

h. Jeff Shubzda, 750 Furnace St. – Letter of Interest for Borough Council Vacancy.

i. Gloria Kemmerer, President Senior Citizens of Emmaus – Request for \$1,500 annual donation from the Borough. Referred to Budget and Finance Committee.

j. Schreiter's Chuck Wagon – Request to run Emmaus Community Pool Concession Stand for the Summer of 2010.

Motion by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Labenberg to approve Schreiter's Chuck Wagon as operators of the Emmaus Community Pool Concession Stand for the 2010 summer season. There were 7 ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Brown complimented Mr. Schreiter and stated that he worked with him during the 2009 Anniversary Celebration.

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BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT – None.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Progress.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS, PART I – None.

NEW BUSINESS – None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS, PART II

Mulberry Street – One Way Southbound (Trial Period Expires April 4, 2010).

ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA, subject to Rule 9 – None.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Iobst complimented the Public Works Department for its snow removal efforts during the February 9-10 snowstorm.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Public Works Committee

Mr. Labenberg reported that the Committee met on February 4, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. He reported that the Committee recommends that the Seven Generations Charter School be permitted to place a "Protect the Pond" sign on the fence surrounding the detention pond below the compost site.

Motion by Mr. Labenberg, seconded by Mr. Reinhard to allow the Seven Generations Charter School to place a "Protect the Pond" sign on the fence surrounding the detention pond below the compost site. There were 7 ayes. Motion carried.

Progress.

b. Health, Sanitation, and Conservation Committee

Mr. Reinhard asked Mr. Neely for an update on the Request for Bids for electric providers. Mr. Neely responded that all the information is compiled and three bid requests have been mailed.

Mr. Reinhard asked Mr. Holtzhafer and Dr. Waddell if the time of the Committee's monthly meeting can change from 3:30 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. Mr. Holtzhafer and Dr. Waddell responded that it can.

Dr. Waddell reported that the Committee meeting scheduled for February 11 at 3:30 p.m. was cancelled.

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c. Parks and Recreation Committee

Mr. Barrett reported that the Committee met on February 2, 2010 at 3:30 p.m. He reported that the Committee recommends field usage fee waivers for East Penn Emmaus Midget Football Association, St. Ann's CYA, and the Allentown Hibernians Hurling Club.

Motion by Mr. Barrett, seconded by Mr. Labenberg to waive field usage fees for East Penn Emmaus Midget Football Association, St. Ann's CYA, and the Allentown Hibernians Hurling Club. There were 7 ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Barrett stated that in 2009 the East Penn Emmaus Midget Football Association gave a \$2,000 contribution towards the fields and the Committee will also be asking the other organizations for a contribution.

Mr. Barrett reported that Rodale and EMAC requested to use the Emmaus Community Park Pool in the mornings this summer.

Motion by Mr. Barrett, seconded by Mr. Labenberg to allow Rodale to use the Emmaus Community Park Pool on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. beginning on June 2, 2010 through September 3, 2010. Rodale will pay \$25 per session for the use of the pool and contribute \$12.50 per session for a lifeguard. There were 7 ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Barrett, seconded by Mr. Labenberg to allow EMAC to use the Emmaus Community Park Pool from late May until approximately August 15, 2010, Monday through Saturday, 5:45 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. There were 7 ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Barrett stated that in the past EMAC has compensated the Borough \$1,000 for use of the pool for the summer. He also stated that the two groups will coordinate overlapping times for use of the pool.

Mr. Barrett reported that the Crime Victims Council of the Lehigh Valley sponsors a motorcycle rally to benefit crime victims and is planning the event for this year on September 19, 2010, intending for the rally to end at Emmaus Community Park. The Crime Victims Council asked for a pavilion rental fee waiver in the amount of \$570.00. The Committee recommends not waiving the fees. Mr. Labenberg stated that the Committee will advise the Crime Victims Council that if they have an Emmaus resident reserve the pavilions the fee will be minimized. Mr. Barrett advised that Council does not need to take official action. Dr. Waddell asked why the decision was made to not waive the fees. Mr. Barrett responded that the decision was made because the organization is not from the Borough and historically fees are not waived for out of town organizations. Dr. Waddell asked if an official motion needs to be made to deny the fee waiver. Mrs. Gilbert said no. Mr. Barrett stated that the Borough will send a letter of denial to the organization.

Mr. Barrett reported that the Committee discussed formally naming the Klines Lane Trail/Brickyard Trail and that the name should reflect an aspect of the use of the trail, not just a reference to its location. The Committee recommends that the trail be named the "South Mountain Gateway Trail," reflecting that it is the gateway to the Wildlands Conservancy's South Mountain Preserve.

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Motion by Mr. Barrett, seconded by Mr. Labenberg to officially name the Klimes Lane/Brickyard Trail the “South Mountain Gateway Trail.” There were 7 ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Barrett reported that the Joint Environmental Advisory Council will be holding its annual Earth Day Clean-Up on April 24, 2010. It reserved the Samuel Landis, Rotary, and Moser pavilions from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. that day. Although the JEAC did not specifically submit a request, the Committee has recommended that the fees be waived.

Motion by Mr. Barrett, seconded by Mr. Labenberg to waive pavilion fees for the Joint Environmental Advisory Council’s Earth Day Clean-Up event on April 24, 2010. There were 7 ayes. Motion carried.

Progress.

d. Public Safety Committee

Mrs. Gilbert reported that the Committee will meet on February 18, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.

Progress.

e. General Administration Committee

Dr. Waddell reported that the Committee had a meeting scheduled for February 10, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. that was cancelled due to snow. The next meeting will be on February 24, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.

Progress.

f. Budget and Finance Committee

Mr. Holtzhafer read Resolution 2010-7, authorizing payment of the February 16, 2010 Bill List, as follows:

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| Bill List | \$ 209,735.19 |
| Payroll #3 | \$ 116,794.30 |
| Payroll Taxes | \$ 37,468.55 |
| Total | \$ 363,998.04 |

Done this 16th day of February, 2010.

Motion by Mr. Holtzhafer, seconded by Mr. Labenberg to adopt the February 16, 2010 Bill List. There were 7 ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Barrett asked why the Resolution numbers are out of order, noting that Resolution 2010-8 was read earlier. Mr. Neely stated that the Bill List Resolution was prepared before the Resolution for appointing the new council member.

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Mr. Holtzhafer reported that the Committee will discuss non-union employees contributing to health insurance prior to the next Council Meeting and hopes to have a recommendation at that time.

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g. Community Relations/Development Committee

The next Committee Meeting will be on February 24, 2010 at 4:15 p.m.

Progress.

h. Ad Hoc-Community/School Relations Committee

Mr. Holtzhafer reported that the Committee met on February 3, 2010 at 3:30 p.m. at the office of East Penn School District Superintendent Thomas Seidenberger.

Mr. Barrett reported that the new Emmaus High School track is open for use by anyone living in the East Penn School District. Use of the track requires an ID badge, which can be purchased for \$15.00 at the East Penn School District Administrative Offices at the Emmaus High School, located off of Pine Street, from 7:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Monday through Friday. He noted that there is an article in the Spring Newsletter advertising the track. Mr. Labenberg asked if the gate is open all of the time. Mr. Reinhard stated that there are rules posted and it is closed at dusk time. He asked Mr. Barrett if he is aware of how many people use the track. Mr. Barrett responded that it is variable based on the day and time. Mr. Labenberg asked if there is an expiration date on the badge and if it needs to be renewed. Mr. Barrett reported that the badge does not have an expiration date. Mr. Holtzhafer stated that the Borough has a good relationship with the East Penn School District and feels that the School District will be accommodating to groups that may want to use the track.

Mr. Labenberg questioned the status of a school resource officer. Mr. Holtzhafer responded that the School District is facing a tough budget and does not believe it is in its 2010-2011 Budget. Mr. Brown questioned if the Borough receives compensation for the use of an officer. Mr. Neely stated that there is no compensation unless the officer is used for a special event. Mr. Brown asked Mr. Holtzhafer if the Committee could investigate this. Mr. Holtzhafer responded that he would have a conversation with Chief Faust and prefers that it be referred to a committee. Mr. Labenberg suggested asking the East Penn School District School Board for a donation towards the use of a resource officer.

Motion by Mr. Labenberg, seconded by Mr. Barrett to request a \$5,000 payment from the East Penn School District towards the use of a school resource officer.

Mr. Barrett stated that the Borough and the School District have a very good relationship and this request may strain the relationship. Mr. Labenberg stated that is the reason he would like the request sent directly to the School Board. He also stated that the Board can deny the request. Mr. Holtzhafer stated that he feels that the issue should be considered at the committee level first to thoroughly consider the request. Dr. Waddell stated that the Police Department does not have a school resource officer; the Police Department has

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an officer that works with juveniles. He also stated that the request should be sent to Dr. Seidenberger. Mrs. Gilbert asked Mr. Labenberg if he would withdraw his motion until the Public Safety Committee meets and offers a recommendation. Mr. Labenberg responded that he wants the process to move forward. Dr. Waddell commented that Mr. Labenberg's suggestion is excellent but it should go to the committee level first.

Mr. Labenberg withdrew his motion to request a \$5,000 donation from the East Penn School District for the use of a school resource officer and Mr. Barrett withdrew his second.

Mrs. Gilbert referred the topic of a school resource officer and request for a contribution from the School District to the Public Safety Committee.

Progress.

PERSONAL APPEALS, PART II

a. **Kevin Schmidt, 302 S. 16th St.**, stated that he received a letter from Jeff Clapper, the Public Works Director, and voiced concern because vegetation that separated South 16th Street and the Pennsylvania Turnpike was removed, which exposes his property to the noises and dangers of the Pennsylvania Turnpike. He also stated that the Public Works Department installed eleven "No Dumping" signs in a two tenth of a mile length from Shimerville Rd. to West Minor St. He added that one of the signs is directly outside his house. He stated that he received a letter from Mr. Clapper about illegal dumping in the right-of-way on South 16th St. and was unaware that the Borough had a right-of-way on South 16th Street. He added that he has never dumped illegal waste and has never seen any of his neighbors dump illegal waste. He would like Council to take action to remove the signs and allow the vegetation to grow again. Mr. Labenberg asked if Mr. Schmidt contacted Mr. Clapper about his concern. Mr. Schmidt responded that he did not. Mr. Labenberg responded that he was not aware of the vegetation being cleared out, but was aware of yard waste being dumped. He asked Mr. Neely if Council needs to approve the signs. Mr. Neely responded that Borough Council does not need to approve the signs. Mr. Labenberg stated that he will ask Mr. Clapper why there are so many signs and why the vegetation was removed. He asked Mr. Schmidt if all of the neighbors received the same letter. Mr. Schmidt responded that they did. Mr. Neely stated that he was advised that there is a history of illegal dumping of yard waste and there was correspondence previously mailed out about it. He also stated that it took the Public Works Department many hours to clean up the illegal dumping. The number of signs is in relation to the fact that there is a history of illegal dumping. Mr. Schmidt stated that he witnessed truck loads of trees being removed from the area but not illegal yard waste. Mayor Iobst stated that when he became mayor twelve years ago there was illegal dumping of yard waste there. Mr. Brown clarified that the letter stated illegal yard waste not garbage being dumped. Mr. Labenberg stated that the next Public Works Committee meeting is March 4, 2010 and the Committee will discuss the matter.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Neely advised that the Significant Revenue and Expense Items for the first half of February 2010 are in the binders and offered to entertain any questions about it.

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PRESIDENT'S BUSINESS – None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Labenberg, seconded by Mr. Barrett to adjourn. There were 7 ayes. Motion carried.

The meeting of the Emmaus Borough Council adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Craig B. Neely
Borough Manager

Transcribed by: Paula Weiant
Administrative Assistant
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