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nobody would help him because it wasn't bothering anyone else. The Police Chief said that the majority of complaint calls at that location are for the basketball courts.

Mike Chiodo asked if the Borough Manager could contact the school. Mayor Ryder stated that he believed Borough Council should write a letter to the Lampeter-Strasburg School Board stating that we appreciate the concerns being raised by neighbors and support the removal of the basketball hoops. Mr. Johnson thanked the members for their time and support.

MINUTES OF MAY 11, 2021: A motion was made by Jim Rice, seconded by Ray Garraffa and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2021 meeting as printed.

REPORTS:

Mayor – Mayor Ryder had nothing additional to report.

President – President Chiodo had nothing additional to report.

Manager – The Borough Manager's report for May 2021 was received and accepted. He noted that the roof project has been delayed because roofing contractors are struggling to get materials and labor. He also stated that we filed for the American Recovery Plan Act funds and stated that some local groups have submitted letters requesting assistance and he is recommending Borough Council to not take any action yet because we do not have final guidance on what the funds can be spent on. Mayor Ryder stated that the Speckled Hen at 141 East Main Street applied to the Zoning Hearing Board to remove the porous paving from their previously-approved plan and encouraged Borough Council to take a position and send a letter of support. The Borough Manager stated that the Borough and the Borough Engineers strongly encouraged the applicant to apply for this change. A motion was made by Ray Garraffa, seconded by Jim Rice and passed unanimously to have the Mayor write a letter of support for the applicant to remove the porous paving requirement. Mayor Ryder stated that he will attend the Zoning Hearing to submit the letter of support.

Police – The Police Department's report for May 2021 was received and accepted. Chief Ferretti stated that they did speed enforcement details that they do on Gap Road and Strasburg Pike for Strasburg Township and noted that those details also help reduce speeds in the Borough.

Public Works – The Public Works report for May 2021 was received and accepted.

Zoning Officer – The Zoning Officer's report for May 2021 was received and accepted.

Engineer – The Engineer's report for May 2021 was received and accepted.

CONSENT AGENDA: A motion was made by Jim Rice, seconded by Bob Bennethum and passed unanimously to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

Payment of bills in the amount of \$196,890.91

Historical Architectural Review Board Certificate of Appropriateness – 30 West Main Street and 11 South Decatur Street

Resolution 2021-7, Emergency Declaration Extension

Approval for Strasburg Fire Police to assist Refton Fire Company on 6/26/21 & 10/16/21

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Deckman Property: Kathy Conley, with RGS Associates, was in attendance and reviewed their application that has been previously discussed for a two-lot subdivision on the Deckman Tract. She reminded the members that the residual lot is along Miller Street and the two new lots will be off the end of Sunset Avenue. She stated that the property owner and the developer have signed the acceptance of conditions document as prepared by the Borough Solicitor.

A motion was made by Jim Rice, seconded by Dave Carson and passed unanimously to grant waivers of Section 303, Preliminary Plan Application; Section 402.03.4, Existing Features; Section 402.03.6-8, Existing Trees; Section 402.05.6, Historical Features; Section 502.01.1, Type of Financial Security; Section 602.05, Street Function, Section 602.14, Cul-de-Sac Streets; and Section 606.04.7, Flag Lots, of the Strasburg Borough Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance of 1995, as amended, with regard to the Final Subdivision and Land Development Plan Application for the Deckman Property, known and numbered as 308 West Miller Street, Strasburg, Pennsylvania, subject to compliance with the 34 conditions which have been accepted by the Applicant and the Property Owners of record and which are incorporated by reference in this Motion.

A motion was made by Ray Garraffa, seconded by Dave Carson and passed unanimously to grant conditional approval of the Final Subdivision and Land Development Plan Application for the Deckman Property, known and numbered as 308 West Miller Street, Strasburg, Pennsylvania, subject to compliance with the 34 conditions which have been accepted by the Applicant and the Property Owners of record and which are incorporated by reference in this Motion.

A motion was made by David Dunn, seconded by Dale Spaulding and passed unanimously to authorize the President or Vice President of Borough Council to execute and acknowledge, if necessary, and that the Borough Secretary be authorized to attest all necessary and appropriate documents pertaining to the Final Subdivision and Land Development Plan Application for the Deckman Property upon compliance with the conditions of Plan approval and upon such documents being in a form and content acceptable to the Borough Staff, the Borough Engineer, and the Borough Solicitor. And to further move that the President or Vice President of Borough Council be authorized to execute and acknowledge and that the Borough Secretary be authorized to attest the Plan after the conditions of Plan approval have been satisfied and all other documents are in an acceptable form and content and have been, to the extent applicable, properly recorded. In the event any dispute or disagreement arises prior to the recording of the Final Subdivision and Land Development Plan for the Deckman Property between the Applicant or the Property Owners, on the one hand, and the Borough Staff, the Borough Engineer and/or the Borough Solicitor, on the other hand, as to the requirements and documents pertaining to the Final Subdivision and Land Development Plan Application, any issue in dispute or disagreement must be submitted to Borough Council at least seven (7) days before a regularly scheduled meeting of Borough Council for resolution by Borough Council.

Debt Management Policy Resolution 2021-8: A motion was made by Jim Rice, seconded by Bob Bennethum and passed unanimously to adopt the Debt Management Policy Resolution 2021-8.

NEW BUSINESS:

International Property Maintenance Code: Mayor Ryder stated that while working through the issues with the condemnation of a building in the recent past, our Code Enforcement Officer said our Property Maintenance Ordinance did not give him all the tools he needed and suggested the Borough consider adopting the International Property Maintenance Code. The Borough Manager and Mayor have been reviewing the IPMC over the last several months and prepared a draft adopting ordinance for Council's review, and a document showing changes will be provided to the members. Mayor Ryder stated that he wants to be clear that the intention of this ordinance is not to rebuild old houses but to address safety conditions that arise from not being maintained. President Chiodo asked the members to review the information provided and this will be considered at a future meeting.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS: On behalf of Borough Council, President Chiodo presented Steve Echternach with a signed letter recognizing him for his commendable and dedicated service to Strasburg Borough's Police Department, adding that he is truly one of Strasburg's finest. He was also presented with a framed print of Strasburg from our local frame shop. Steve Echternach was thanked by the members and acknowledged with a round of applause.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Police Contract Negotiation: At 7:48 p.m., Mike Chiodo adjourned the regular meeting into an Executive Session for Police Contract Negotiations. The regular meeting was reconvened at 8:05 p.m. at which time no official action was taken.

OTHER BUSINESS: Steve Echternach stated that he recently met with Paradise Township's Manager and discussed the Fire Company Workers' Compensation share invoices and will have an additional follow-up meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Jim Rice, seconded by Ray Garraffa and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

F. Steven Echternach
Borough Manager